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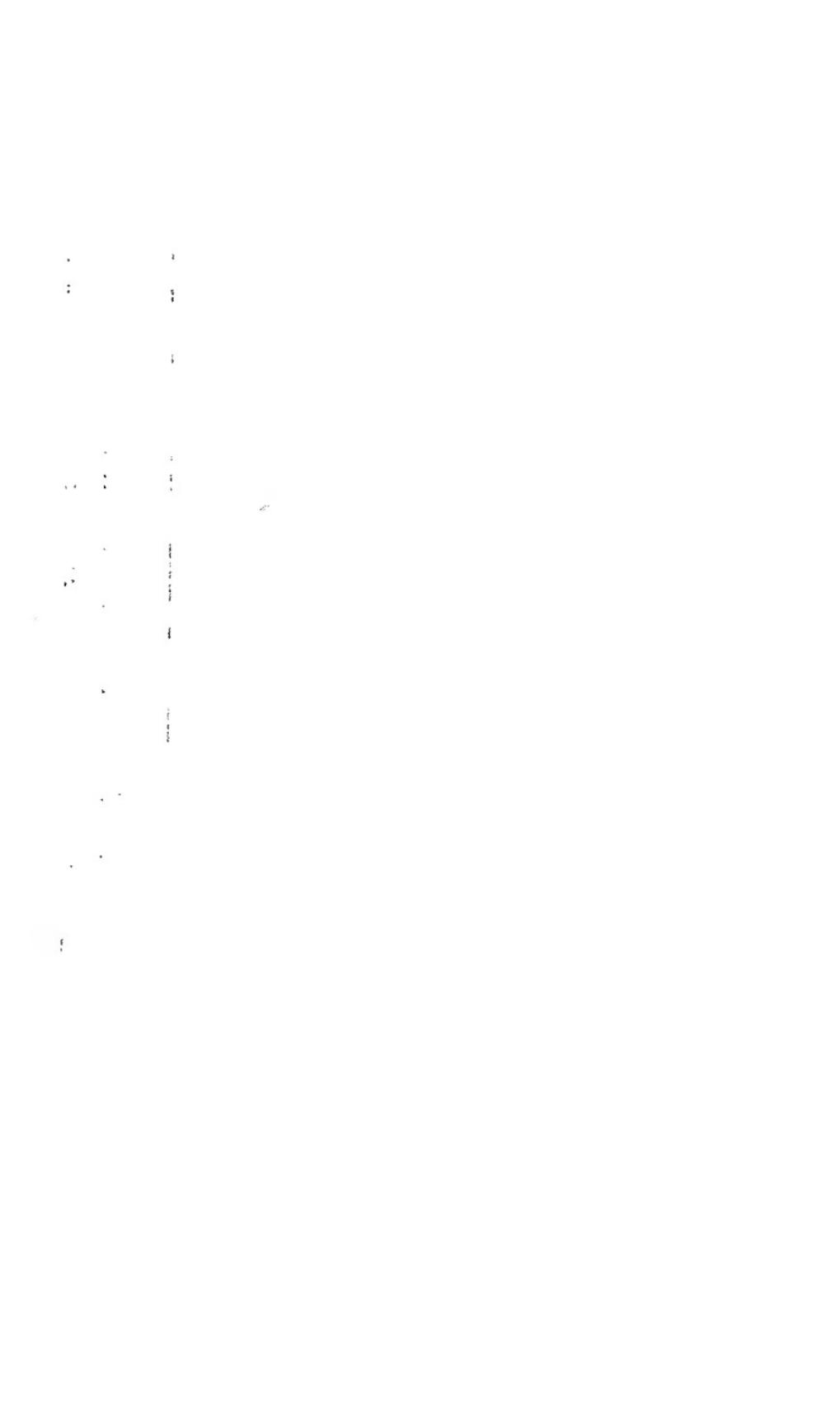
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PART I**OFFICERS OF THE CONFERENCE**

President—Bishop John M. Springer, D.D.; LL.D.
Secretary—E. L. Sells, P. O. Box 55, Umtali
Statistician—W. D. Hamrick, Old Umtali
Treasurer—H. I. James, Mrewa
Registrar—J. M. Chimbadzwa, Old Umtali
Lay Leader—(Not elected)

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PART II**BOARDS, COMMISSIONS AND COMMITTEES****The Cabinet**

Resident and Presiding, Bishop John M. Springer.
 The District Superintendents:—

H. I. James, Mrewa; W. Bourgaize, Mtoko; H. E. Taylor, P. B. 136 E., Salisbury; M. J. Murphree, Old Umtali; E. L. Sells, P. O. Box 55, Umtali; G. A. Roberts, Mutambara.

Committee on the State of the Church

G. A. Roberts	Jonah Chitombo
Hosea Katsidzira	Mrs. E. L. Sells
Patrick Machiri	Silas Kasambira
Mrs. H. I. James	Miss Ila Scovill
Z. Mukombiwa	G. P. Braithwaite
Thomas Marange	P. B. Christian
B. Katsidzira	Miss Lulu Tubbs
Simeon Machiri	Miss Marguerite Deyo
Johnson Maramba	J. Mukuto
	Escrivao Zunguze

Board of Sunday Schools

W. Bourgaize	Miss Grace Clark
Miss F. Quinton	Jackson Rugayo
Josiah Mrewa	Samuel Chieza
Silas Chitiyo	Patrick Machiri
Jonah Chitombo	Miss Lois Pfaff
Luke Chieza	Mrs. G. P. Braithwaite
Mrs. R. C. Gates	Paul Malianga
Obadiah Chimonyo	Per Hassing
	Titus Maranke

Board of Education

(Term expiring)

1941	1942	1943
Miss Sarah King	C. E. Faku	H. E. Taylor
Titus Maranke	Miss Grace Clark	Miss Jessie Pfaff
Miss F. Quinton	Miss B. Reitz	J. G. Nduna
Miss Ila Scovill	Per Hassing	Miss Fannie Ellener
Kenneth Choto	Kenneth Marange	W. D. Hamrick
Jonathan Marange	R. Ngonyama	Mrs. H. E. Taylor
		R. C. Gates

Board of Stewards

(Term expiring)

1941	1942	1943
Samuel Chieza	Abraham Kawadza	M. J. Murphree
Jackson Rugayo	Esau Musiringupi	Titus Maranke
R. C. Gates		

Committee on Hospitals and Medical Work

E. L. Sells	Miss Alice Whitney
Miss Ona Parmenter	Thomas Marange
Mrs. H. I. James	Moses Mparutsa
Miss Ruth Hansson	Miss Rosa Rydell
Miss Irene Gugin	Philemon Chidzikwe
Enoch Munjoma	Mrs. G. A. Roberts

Committee on Auditing

John Nduna	Jonah Chitombo
R. C. Gates	B. Katsidzira
Luke Chieza	Samuel Chieza
Lewis Tsododo	

Historical Committee

E. L. Sells	Miss M. Deyo
G. A. Roberts	C. Faku
H. I. James	J. Chimbadzwa
T. A. O'Farrell	Thomas Marange
Miss F. Quinton	Isaiah Munjoma
	P. Chieza

Committee on Publications

The Field Committee

Committee on Resolutions

Mrs. E. L. Sells	Samuel Chieza
G. A. Roberts	Miss Edith Parks
Miss Sarah King	Mrs. H. E. Taylor
Moses Mparutsa	Mrs. W. D. Hamrick
	Eliah Chidzikwi

Committee on Memoirs

J. Chimbadzwa	Miss Lois Pfaff
Mrs. R. C. Gates	Mrs. G. A. Roberts
R. Ngonyama	Amos Kapenzi

Commission on Worship and Music

Miss Jessie Pfaff	Amos Kapenzi
Jonah Machiri	Mrs. H. I. James
Mrs. M. J. Murphree	Mrs. T. A. O'Farrell

Committee on Conference Relations and Ministerial Qualifications

M. J. Murphree	R. C. Gates
Isaiah Darikwa	J. Chimbadzwa
G. A. Roberts	Thomas Marange
Moses Mparutsa	E. L. Sells

Committee on Accepted Supply Pastors

H. I. James	J. Chimbadzwa
E. L. Sells	Thomas Marange
C. Faku	M. J. Murphree

Committee on Investigation

H. I. James	(Reserves)
G. A. Roberts	E. L. Sells
Thomas Marange	Moses Mparutsa
John Nduna	
M. J. Murphree	

Board of Ministerial Training

H. I. James	E. L. Sells
W. Bourgaize	M. J. Murphree
T. A. O'Farrell	J. M. Chimbadzwa
R. C. Gates	C. E. Faku

Committee on Interdenominational Relations

The District Superintendents	David Mandisodza
Isaiah Darikwa	Isaiah Munjoma
Titus Maranke	P. B. Christian

Committee on Conference Program

The Entertaining Pastor and District Superintendent	
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CONFERENCE SOCIETIES AND COUNCILS**The Native Christian Convention**

Chairman—Samuel S. Chieza

Vice Chairman—Jonah Machiri

Secretary—Kenneth Marange

Treasurer—John Nduna

Missionary Advisory Members:—

W. Bourgaize and Miss B. Reitz

Rukwadzana rwe Wadzimayi rwe The Methodist Church

Secretaries :

Northern Section—Mrs. Mparutsa

Assistant—Mrs. E. Munjoma

Southern Section—Mrs. O. Chimonyo

Assistant—Mrs. Titus Maranke

Missionary Advisors: Mrs. H. I. James, Mrs. H. E. Taylor, Mrs. E. L. Sells, Mrs. M. J. Murphree, Mrs. G. A. Roberts

African Missionary Society of The Methodist Church in Rhodesia

Chairman—J. M. Chimbadzwa

Secretary—John Nduna

Treasurer—Amos Kapenzi

Hartzell Training School Advisory Council

G. A. Roberts Miss S. King

H. I. James Miss G. Clark

Superintendent of O. U. Miss F. Quinton

Mission Titus Maranke

Ex-officio - Principal, John Nduna

H. T. S. Jonathan Marange

Note—The District Superintendents are ex-officio members of the Boards, Commissions and Committees.

PART III**DAILY PROCEEDINGS****The Second Session of the****RHODESIA ANNUAL CONFERENCE****First Day.—Wednesday, July 24, 1940.**

The Second Session of the Rhodesia Annual Conference of The Methodist Church convened at Mrewa on Wednesday, July 24, 1940, at 9.0 a.m., Bishop John M. Springer, D. D., L.L. D. presiding.

Communion Service.—The Bishop conducted the Communion service and assisted by several Elders administered the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper. The service closed with the Benediction at 9.50 o'clock.

Recess.—The Conference went into recess and reconvened at 10.15 o'clock with the singing of Hymn No. 465, "Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life." Bishop Springer led in prayer.

Roll Call.—The Bishop requested the Secretary of the last Conference to call the roll. The following were present:—

H. I. James	Philip Chieza
M. J. Murphree	Samuel Chieza
G. A. Roberts	Amos Kapenzi
H. E. Taylor	Moses Mparutsa
E. L. Sells	John Nduna
David Mandisodza	Hosea Katsidzira
R. C. Gates	Patrick Machiri
Thomas Marange	Johnson Maramba
Isaiah Munjoma	Enoch Munjoma
Isaiah Darikwa	Jackson Rugayo
C. E. Faku	Obadiah Chimonyo
Benjamin Katsidzira	Silas Kasambira
Titus Maranke	Jonah Chitombo
Reginald Ngonyama	Jonah Machiri
Josiah Chimbadzwa	Luke Chieza
Zechariah Mukombiwa	P. B. Christian

Associate Members

Mrs. G. A. Roberts	Miss Grace Clark
Mrs. H. I. James	Miss Ona Parmenter
Mrs. H. E. Taylor	Miss Sarah King
Mrs. M. J. Murphree	Miss Ila Scovill
Mrs. R. C. Gates	Miss Jessie Pfaff

Miss Ruth Hansson
 Mrs. E. L. Sells
 Miss Rosa Rydell

Miss Alice Whitney
 Miss Edith Parks
 Miss Marguerite Deyo
 Mrs. P. B. Christian

Other Workers

Miss Fannie Ellener

Accepted Supply Pastors

Silas Chitiyo
 Kenneth Choto
 Lazarus Mahowa
 Joseph Makuto

Josiah Mrewa
 Sydney Chidzwondo
 Timothy Mahachi
 Elisha Mvududu

Organization

Secretary.—On nomination of H. I. James, E. L. Sells was elected as Secretary. Miss Marguerite Deyo was named as the Assistant.

Hours of Session.—On motion of H. I. James, the hours of Session were designated as from 8.30 a.m. to 12.0 noon, with recess at 10.0 o'clock.

Introductions and Presentations.—The Bishop introduced the Rev. A. W. Heath, Miss Irene Shields, Mr. R. L. Peace, and the Rev. Per Hassing. He presented Mrs. Springer and the Rev. and Mrs. H. E. Taylor.

Greetings.—The Bishop conveyed to the Conference the greetings of the Southeast Africa Mission Conference.

On motion of H. I. James, the Secretary and the Bishop were requested to convey the greetings of the Conference to the Conferences of the area.

On motion of R. C. Gates, the Secretary was requested to convey the greetings of the Conference to the members and associate members who are ill.

Boards and Committees.—The following additions were made to the Boards and Committees:—

Board of Education

R. C. Gates
 H. E. Taylor
 Per Hassing
 Mrs. H. E. Taylor

Board of Sunday Schools

Per Hassing
 Mrs. R. C. Gates

Question One.—What are the reports of the District Superintendents as to the status of the work within their Districts?

At the request of the Bishop the Superintendents of the following Districts presented their reports:—

Mrewa District—H. I. James

Mtoko District—W. Bourgaize (Read by the Secretary)

Mutambara District—G. A. Roberts

Umtali District—E. L. Sells

The characters of the above Superintendents were passed before reading their reports.

At the conclusion of each District report, the Statistician gave the statistical report for the Districts respectively.

Extension of Time.—The time was extended for the purpose of concluding the reading of the Umtali District report.

Adjournment.—After the announcements, Rev. A. W. Heath pronounced the Benediction, and the Conference stood adjourned at 12.17 p.m.

Second Day.—Thursday, July 25, 1940

Opening.—The Conference was called to order at 8.30 a.m. by the singing of Hymn No. 242, "He Leadeth Me." Rev. A. W. Heath led in prayer and conducted the devotions. Hymn No. 352, "In Heavenly Love Abiding," was sung.

Minutes.—The Minutes of the session of Wednesday were read and approved.

Presentation.—The Bishop presented Mai Muredzwa, a sister of the late Chief Mutasa.

Question One.—was resumed.

After passing the characters of the Superintendents of the following Districts, they read their reports:—

Old Umtali District—M. J. Murphree

Nyadiri District—H. E. Taylor

At the conclusion of each District report, the Statistician gave the statistical report for the Districts, respectively.

Recess.—The Conference went into recess at 10.04 o'clock and reconvened at 10.30 o'clock. The ministers' quartette sang, and P. B. Christian led in prayer.

C. W. Huie.—The Bishop read a report prepared by Mr. C. W. Huie.

Historical.—The report of the Historical Committee was read by E. L. Sells. On motion of H. I. James, the report was adopted.

Native Christian Convention.—The report of the Native Christian Convention was read by Kenneth Marange. On motion of E. L. Sells, the report was accepted and referred to the Committee on the State of the Church.

Question Two.—Are all the Preachers blameless in their life and official administration?

The names of the members and associate-members, which had not been previously passed, were called and their characters passed.

Questions Nos.—3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 12, 13, 18, 19, 20, 21, and 25 were called and answered in the negative.

Question Fourteen.—Who are received by transfer from other Conferences?

The Bishop announced the transfer of Per Hassing from the Norway Annual Conference.

Question Twenty-Six.—Who constitute the Conference Committee of Investigation?

The Bishop appointed the following committee:—

H. I. James
G. A. Roberts
Thomas Marange
John Nduna
M. J. Murphree

Reserves:—

E. L. Sells
Moses Mparutsa

Question Thirty-Two.—Where shall the next session of the Conference be held?

Josiah Chimbadzwa invited the Conference to hold its next session at Old Umtali. On motion, the invitation was unanimously accepted.

Fraternal Delegate.—The Bishop requested the Rev. A. W. Heath, fraternal delegate of the Rhodesia Synod of the Methodist Church, to speak. He brought to the Conference the greetings of our sister Methodist Church.

African Missionary Society of the Methodist Church in Rhodesia.—

The report of the Society was read by John Nduna and Ebson Zimonte.

Adjournment.—After the announcements and the Benediction by Per Hassing, the Conference stood adjourned at 12.05 p.m.

The Third Day, — Friday, July 26, 1940

Opening.—The Conference was called to order by the Bishop at 8.30 a.m. with the singing of Hymn No. 280, "Onward Christian Soldiers." The Bishop conducted the devotions.

Minutes.—The minutes of the session of Thursday were read and approved.

Question Twenty-Eight—What is the report of the Conference Treasurer?

The Conference Treasurer read his report, which was received. On motion of H. I. James, the amount for Conference claimants was fixed at 2½% of the minister's support. It was ordered that this amount along with other Conference benevolences be apportioned by the District to the units of work within the same and be provided for in the church budgets. On nomination of E. L. Sells, H. I. James was elected Treasurer.

Presentation.—The Bishop presented Chief Mangwende to the Conference.

Recess.—The Conference went into recess at 10.08 o'clock and reconvened at 10.30 o'clock with the singing of Hymn No. 209, "O Master Let Me Walk with Thee." Miss Grace Clark led in prayer.

Central Conference.—On motion of G. A. Roberts, it was ordered that the election of Delegates to the Central Conference take place in the morning session on Saturday.

Medical Committee.—Miss Alice Whitney read the report of the Medical Committee. On motion of H. E. Taylor, the report was adopted.

Question Twenty-Nine.—What is the report of the Statistician?

The Conference Statistician read the Summary of the District reports and gave the increases and decreases as compared with the statistics of the last Conference year.

On motion of R. C. Gates, W. D. Hamrick was elected the Statistician.

The Committee on the State of the Church.—Jonah Chitombo read the report of the Committee, which was discussed seriatim and adopted.

Boards, Commissions, and Committees.—Cabinet Nominations

E. L. Sells, reporting for the District Superintendents, nominated the following Boards, Commissions, and Committees; and on his motion they were elected: Committee on the State of the Church, Board of Sunday Schools, Board of Education, Board of Stewards, Hospitals and Medical Work, Auditing, Historical, Publications, Resolutions, Memoirs, Worship and Music, Conference Relations and Ministerial Qualifications, Interdenominational Relations, Conference Program, Hartzell Training School Advisory Council, and the Missionary Members of the Native Christian Convention, and the Rukwadzana rwe Wadzimayi. (See Section II, page 3 of the Journal).

Appointments of Committees and Boards.—The Bishop appointed the Committee on Accepted Supply Pastors and named the Board of Ministerial Training.

Extension of Time.—On motion of H. I. James, the time was extended.

Closing.—After the announcements, the Benediction was pronounced by H. E. Taylor. The Conference stood adjourned at 12.15 o'clock.

Fourth Day,—Saturday, July 27, 1940

Morning Session

Opening.—The Conference was called to order at 8.55 with the singing of Hymn No. 372, "Love Divine." Rev. A. W. Heath conducted the devotions. Hymn 336, "Jesus Still Lead On," was sung.

Minutes.—The Minutes of the session of Friday were read and approved.

Central Conference.—On motion of H. I. James, the action on the procedure of electing delegates to the Central Conference, adopted at the Session in 1938, was reconsidered and rescinded.

Recess.—The Conference went into recess at 10.03 o'clock and reconvened at 10.30 o'clock, with the singing of Hymn No. 364, "More Love to Thee." David Mandisodza led in prayer.

Presentations.—The Bishop presented W. Bourgaize and Miss Helen Everett.

Central Conference.—On motion of E. L. Sells, the number of delegates to the Central Conference was fixed as: 4 Ministerial, 2 missionaries and 2 Africans, with a Reserve of 1 missionary and 1 African; 4 Lay, 2 missionaries and 2 Africans, with a Reserve of 1 missionary and 1 African.

Ballot for Ministerial Delegates

There were six ballots taken for Ministerial delegates which resulted in the following elections: Josiah Chimbadzwa, John Nduna.

Reserves.—H. I. James, Reginald Ngonyama.

T. A. O'Farrell and H. E. Taylor, having served as the Delegate and Reserve Delegate, respectively, to the recent session of the General Conference were declared as Ministerial Delegates to the Central Conference.

Ballot for Lay Delegates

There were five ballots taken for Lay Delegates which resulted in the following elections: Kenneth Marange, Lewis Tsododo and Mrs. H. E. Taylor.

Reserve.—Miss Sarah King.

Mrs. T. A. O'Farrell, having served as the delegate to the recent session of the General Conference was declared a Lay delegate to the Central Conference.

The Committee on Interdenominational Relations.—The Secretary read the Report of the Committee on Interdenominational Relations. On his motion the report was adopted.

On nomination of H. I. James, E. L. Sells and Isaiah Munjoma were elected as the fraternal delegates to the next session of the Rhodesia Synod of The Methodist Church.

On nomination of E. L. Sells, H. I. James, P. B. Christian and Isaiah Darikwa were elected as a Committee on Cooperation with the Rhodesia Synod of The Methodist Church.

Committee on Statistical Forms.—R. C. Gates read the report of the special Committee on Statistical Forms. The report was considered seriatim and after alteration was adopted. Item No. 3 was referred to the Central Conference.

Extension of Time.—On motion of H. I. James, the time was extended.

Board of Sunday Schools.—Miss Grace Clark read the report and on motion of H. I. James, it was adopted.

Central Conference.—On motion of G. A. Roberts, it was ordered that a Committee be appointed to estimate and apportion the expenses of the delegates.

The Journal.—On motion of H. I. James, the printed record of the minutes was made the official Journal of the Conference, and the Secretary was elected to edit and publish the Journal.

Question Fifteen.—Who have completed their studies ?

The Board of Ministerial Training announced that P. B. Christian had completed the studies of the second year.

Question Sixteen.—Who have continued their studies ?

The Board of Ministerial Training announced that Per Hassing was continued in the studies of the 4th year.

Question Seventeen.—Who are admitted into full connection ?

The Committee on Conference Relations and Ministerial Qualifications recommended that P. B. Christian be received into full connection. On motion of the District Superintendent he was received, subject to answering the disciplinary questions.

Adjournment.—On motion of H. E. Taylor, it was ordered that the Conference adjourn and reconvene at 2.0 p. m. John Nduna pronounced the Benediction and the Conference stood adjourned at 12.30 p.m.

Afternoon

Opening.—Conference was called to order at 2. 0 p. m. with the singing of the Hymn No. 287, "A Charge to Keep I Have." Bishop Springer read the first Psalm, and W. Bourgaize led in prayer.

Minutes.—Minutes of the session of the morning were read and approved.

Lay Delegates.—Kenneth Marange read a statement from the Lay Delegates. On motion of H. I. James, it was referred to the Committee on the State of the Church.

Commission on Worship and Music.—Amos Kapenzi read the report, and on motion it was adopted.

Central Conference.—The Bishop appointed a Committee on Central Conference Expenses: G. A. Roberts, Jessie Pfaff, Escrivao Zunguze, and Samuel Chieza.

P. B. Christian.—The Bishop called P. B. Christian to the altar and asked him the disciplinary questions for full connection. He then welcomed him as a member of the Conference.

Resolutions.—Miss Edith Parks read the report of the Committee on Resolutions. On motion of H. E. Taylor, the report was adopted by a standing vote.

Greetings.—On motion of R. C. Gates, it was ordered that the Secretary send the greetings of the Conference to Mrs. E. S. Johnson and Miss Pearl Mullikin.

Central Conference.—Three ballots were taken for the Reserve Lay Delegate. There was no election. On motion of Miss Marguerite Deyo, it was ordered that the Secretary cast the ballot for Jonathan Marange. The Secretary cast the ballot and Jonathan Marange was declared elected as the Reserve Lay Delegate.

Question Twenty-Two.—Who are the Accepted Supply Pastors?

H. I. James read the list of the Accepted Supply Pastors. On motion the list was approved.

Question Twenty-Four.—Are the Accepted Supply Pastors blameless in their life and official administration?

On motion the characters of the Accepted Supply Pastors were passed.

Questions Nos. 23, and 27.—were called and answered in the negative.

The Field Committee.—A ballot was taken for the election of eight African members of the Field Committee. There was no election. On motion of Miss Marguerite Deyo, it was ordered that the Secretary cast a ballot for 8 receiving the highest vote. The ballot was cast and the following were declared elected:—

Samuel Chieza	Kenneth Marange
Jackson Rugayo	John Nduna
Titus Maranke	Amos Kapanzi
Moses Mparutsa	Reginald Ngonyama

Auditing.—John Nduna read the report of the Committee on Auditing.

The Board of Education.—John Nduna read the report which was considered seriatim and adopted.

John Nduna read a minority report regarding the wage-scale for certificated teachers. On motion the report was referred to the Field Committee.

On motion of R. C. Gates, it was ordered that the Secretary send a request to the Executive Committee of the Missionary Conference urging that a uniform wage-scale be considered and adopted by all Missions.

Native Christian Convention.—The list of the officers of the Native Christian Convention was read and on motion they were approved.

Question Ten—Who are granted sabbatical leave?

M. J. Murphree, reporting for the Committee on Conference Relations, recommended that John Nduna be granted sabbatical leave. On motion the leave was granted.

Adjournment.—On motion of H. I. James, the Conference voted to adjourn to meet at the call of the Bishop. The Benediction was pronounced by H. I. James and the Conference stood adjourned at 4.02 p.m.

Fifth Day,—Sunday, July 28, 1940.

Opening.—The Conference was called to order at 2 p.m. with the singing of Hymn No. 237, "M'ponesi waka ita." The Rev A. W. Heath conducted the service of worship and preached. Hymn No. 247, "Kwese kwese tinowona" was sung.

Minutes—The minutes of the session of Saturday afternoon were read approved.

L. E. Adkins.—On motion of H. I. James, the appointment of L. E. Adkins to service outside the regular organization of The Methodist Church as a missionary to East Africa, without annuity claim, was confirmed by two-thirds vote of the Conference.

African Tribute to H. I. James.—Kenneth Choto read the Tribute. On motion of Jackson Rugayo, it was ordered that the same be printed in the Journal.

Memoirs.—Josiah Chimbadzwa read the report for the Committee on Memoirs. This was adopted by a standing vote. G. A. Roberts and David Mandisodza led in prayer.

Rev. A. W. Heath.—The Bishop expressed the appreciation of the Conference to the Rev. A. W. Heath who had attended the sessions as the Fraternal Delegate of the Synod of the Methodist Church. Rev. Heath responded.

Final Adjournment.—On motion of H. I. James, the Conference voted to adjourn (sine die) after the approval of the minutes and the reading of the appointments.

Minutes.—The minutes of the afternoon session were read and approved.

Appointments.—The Bishop read the appointments.

Closing.—The Conference stood and the Bishop pronounced the Benediction.

The Conference stood adjourned, sine die, at 4.30 p.m.



Certificate of the President and Secretary

This certifies that this volume of the Second Session of the Rhodesia Conference of The Methodist Church, held at Mrewa, Southern Rhodesia, in the Howard Memorial Church, July 24 - 28, 1940, is a complete and correct record of the proceedings and reports, and as such was adopted by the action of the Conference as its Official Record.

PRESIDING BISHOP

SECRETARY

PART IV.

DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS

The Rhodesia Annual Conference was held at Mrewa Mission, Mrewa, in the Howard Memorial Church, July 24-28, Bishop John M. Springer presiding, with E. L. Sells as Secretary. The following are the questions as taken from the Discipline, Paragraph 538, Article 6.

"The business of the Annual Conference shall be to inquire:

- I. What are the reports of the District Superintendents as to the status of the work within their Districts ?**

The Reports were read as follows:—H. I. James, Mrewa; W. Bourgaize, Mtoko; G. A. Roberts, Mutambara; E. L. Sells, Umtali; M. J. Murphree, Old Umtali; H. E. Taylor, Nyadiri.

- 2. Are all the Preachers blameless in their life and official administration ?**

The names of the Preachers were called in open Conference and their characters passed.

- 3. What Preachers have died during the year ?**

None.

- 4. Who are discontinued ?**

None.

- 5. Who are located?**

None.

- 6. Who have withdrawn or been expelled?**

None.

- 7. Who are transferred to other Conferences?**

None.

- 8. Who are supernumerary ?**

None.

- 9. Who are retired ?**

None.

- 10. Who are granted Sabbatical Leave ?**

John Nduna.

- 11. Who are admitted on Trial ?**

None.

12. Who are readmitted?

None.

13. Who are received from other Churches as Traveling Preachers?

None.

14. Who are received by transfer from other Conferences ?

Per Hassing from the Norway Annual Conference.

15. Who have completed their studies

(a) Of the first year?

None.

(b) Of the second year?

P. B. Christian.

(c) Of the third year?

None.

(d) Of the fourth year?

None.

16. Who have been continued

(a) In their studies of the first year?

None.

(b) In their studies of the second year ?

None.

(c) In their studies of the third year ?

None.

(d) In their studies of the fourth year ?

Per Hassing.

17. Who are admitted into Full Connection ?

P. B. Christian.

18. What traveling Preachers and what Local Preachers have been elected Deacons ?

None.

19. Who have been ordained Deacons ?
None.
20. What Traveling Preachers and what Local Preachers have been elected Elders ?
None.
21. Who have been ordained Elders ?
None.
22. Who are Accepted Supply Pastors ?
See List.
23. What Accepted Supply Pastors now in charge are taking
(a) The Conference Course of Study?
None.
(b) The Local Preachers' Course of Study ?
None.
24. Are the Accepted Supply Pastors blameless in their life and official administration ?
The names of the Accepted Supply Pastors were called in open Conference and their characters passed.
25. What Preachers coming from other Churches with recommendations from the District Conference or Quarterly Conference have had their Orders recognized as Local Deacons or Local Elders ?
None.
26. Who constitute the Conference Committee of Investigation?
H. I. James (Reserves)
G. A. Roberts E. L. Sells
Thomas Marange Moses Mparutsa
John Nduna
M. J. Murphree
27. Who is elected Conference Lay Leader?
Not elected.
28. What is the report of the Conference Treasurer?
See Report.
29. What is the report of the Statistician?
See Report.

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- 30. What are the reports, recommendations, and plans of the Boards of the Conference?**
See reports of Commissions, Boards and Committees.
- 31. What are the objectives of this Conference for the coming year as stated by the Bishop in charge or a committee appointed by him?**
See Reports.
- 32. Where shall the next session of the Conference be held ?**
Old Umtali.
- 33. Where are the Preachers stationed this year ?**
See list of appointments.



PART V.

LIST OF CONFERENCE APPOINTMENTS

(The numbers after the names of members and missionaries indicate the consecutive years of the appointment.)

Representative Superintendent-H. I. James 2

MREWA DISTRICT

Superintendent H. I. James, 5

Mrewa

Mrewa Mission	H. I. James	5
Mrewa Church	H. I. James	5
Associate Pastor	Luke Chieza	3
Central School	H. I. James	4
Principal	Fannie Ellener	2
Head Mistress	Kenneth Choto (Felton Phombeya)	
Assistants	(Shadrach Nyemba) (Elia Kuture) (Handy Mhlanga) (Elizabeth Nhliziyo) (Elinor Ndoro) (Janet Choto) (Diana Nyikadzino)	
Women's work	Mrs. H. I. James	
Mrewa Circuit	Hosea Katsidzira 2	
Muchinjike	Rodrick Kunyarimwe (Phoebe Kondo)	
Dandara	Isaiah Tsopotsa	
Rupange	(Lavick Mukonorhwe)	
Kambarami	Sam Halawa	
Nyamutumbu	Isaac Kambarami	
Chamapangu (Choruwa)	Joseph Makuto (Litta Kaitano)	
Hokodzi	(Catherine Nyamadzao	
Munetsi	<i>To be supplied</i>	
Chanetsa	(Jonah Midzi	
Jacobs	Eddy Kambarami	
Duku	<i>To be supplied</i>	

Zengenene	Lazarus Mahowa
Mhembere	<i>To be supplied</i>
Nyaguwa	::
Chitate	::
Nyamashato	::
Chingono	::

Mangwende Circuit
Chiguri

Mtisi	David Mandisodza 4
Gumbanjera	David Mandisodza 4
Chinhenga	(William Chiuma)
Nyagwiso	Enoch Mrewa
Mrewa Kraal	Peter Kananurhwa
Newton	Henry Chitiyo
	Gideon Gurupira
	Silas Chitiyo
	<i>To be supplied</i>

Headlands Circuit

Arnoldene	Isaiah Munjoma I
Chigudu	(Phoebe Katsidzira)
Mufunde	Elia Chidzikwe
Fusiri	Daniel Makuto
Magura	<i>To be supplied</i>
Manuhwa	::
Mafunde	::
Matibura	::
Muvudundzi	::

Chikore Reserve Circuit

Salisbury

District Evangelist

Superintendent of Schools

Isaiah Munjoma I
Isaiah Darikwa 4
Luke Chieza 4
(Matthew Magorimbo)

MTOKO DISTRICT

Superintendent W. Bourgaize 9

Mtoko

South Circuit

Mtoko Mission Church

Assistant Pastor

Principal of School

Assistants

W. Bourgaize 9

Samuel Chieza 9

Timothy Mahachi

(Don Gombezi)

(Sydney Chidzwondo)

(Edith Mvududu)

Chitekwe	Michael Karonga
Gurure	<i>To be supplied</i>
Kagande	Elisha Mvududu
Muswairi	<i>To be supplied</i>
Makakoro	Julius Gezi
Nyakabao	<i>To be supplied</i>
Madzande	Isaiah Chingwena
Nyamakopi	<i>To be supplied</i>
Nyamakosi	⋮

North Circuit

Katsande	Enoch Mujoma 8 (Dennie Mdzengerere)
Kowo	(Bessie Ceiparamanda)
Makosa	Peter Mufunde (Hanna Kowo)
Masenda	<i>To be supplied</i>
Nyamkoho	(Ebson Njagu Gurupira)
Chifodlya	(David Mdzengerere)
Mudzonga	(Elijah Karoma)

MUTAMBARA DISTRICTSuperintendent **G. A. Roberts** 2

Mutambara

Mutambara Mission	G. A. Roberts 2
Pastor	G. A. Roberts 2
Assistant Pastor	Jackson Rugayo 8
Principal	G. A. Roberts 2
Vice-Principal	Grace Clark 2
Head Mistress	Ila Scovill 2
Assistants	Marguerite Deyo 2 (Period Dubi) (Lewis Tsododo) (Jacob Mutisi) Martin Chiza (Sofie Matongo) (Lydia Mutengo) (Siri Munjoma) (Eunice Munjoma) (Emma Rakabopa) (Jessie Rakabopa) (Elsie Masiazi) Booker Muzuru Albert Mandondo (Mack Nezandonyi)
District School Inspector	Mrs. G. A. Roberts 2

Assistant	Jackson Rugayo 1
Women's Work	Mrs. G. A. Roberts 2
Medical	Rosa Rydell 2
Assistant	(Lazarus Chikonzo)
W. F. M. S., Directress	Grace Clark 2
	Ila Scovill 2
	Marguerite Deyo 2
Mutambara Circuit	G. A. Roberts 2
Assistant	Jackson Rugayo 8
Bvumbura	Gladman Munyamana
Chikowa	Tennyson Marayire (Evison Zemonte)
Chiamiti	(Aaron Muponda)
Chiramba	Edwin Karumbidza
Chitora	Enoch Chiwadzwa
Assistant	Aaron Kuture
Dunhu	<i>To be supplied</i>
Nenohwa	Noel Mudaba
Nyembeya	Jotham Chatema
Rupisi	<i>To be supplied</i>
Shinja	Thomas Kamusono
Munyora	<i>To be supplied</i>
Mutambara Reserve	(Nathan Ndizano)
School	(Emma Munjoma) (Mary Shamu)

NYADIRI DISTRICT

Superintendent	H. E. Taylor 1
Nyadiri Mission, P. B.	136, Salisbury
Nyadiri Mission	H. E. Taylor 1
Nyadiri Church	H. E. Taylor 1
Associate	Moses Mparutsa (Until Dec. 31, 1940)
	Jonah Machiri (From Jan. 1, 1941)
Co-educational School	
Principal	H. E. Taylor 1
Vice-Principal	Sarah King 4
Head Mistress	Beulah Reitz 3
Assistants	Edith Parks 3 (Fred Masimba) (Noah Chimbadzwa) (Isaac Musamba) (Conrad Manyande)

	(Edward Makoni)
	(Gerald Nchenga)
	(Nancy Sachiti)
	(Emily Chinanzra)
	(Agnes Munama)
	(Emma Mupingo)
	(Joyce Zinyuku)
	(Edith Sigauke)
	(Douglas Chipwaya)
	(Mureke Musosonore)
	(Annie Hhlanga)
	(Jonathan Marange)
Nyadiri Primary School	
Jeannes Teacher	
Medical work	
(Washburn Memorial Hospital)	
Resident Physician	<i>To be supplied</i>
Nurse	Alice E. Whitney 4
Assistants	(Alice Manyarara) (Janet Chieza) (Thelma Kondo)
W.F.M.S. Directress	Sarah King 4 Beulah Reitz 3 <u>Alice E. Whitney</u> 4 Edith Parks 3
Nyadiri Circuit	Jonah Chitombo 6
Chidodo	Wilson Mmanga
Kangara	<i>To be supplied</i>
Kasambarare	<i>To be supplied</i>
Magaya	<i>To be supplied</i>
Manyika	Jonah Chitombo 6
	(Peter Maswetu)
Mugabe	(Sarah Pendek)
Mupaya	(Jonnie M. Mparutsa)
Musanhi	(Fred Pande)
	(Frank Muhlauke)
Nyamhara	James Dzapasi
Sori	(Motase Tondhlano)
	<i>To be supplied</i>
	<i>To be supplied</i>
Uzumba Circuit	Moses Mparutsa
	(Until Dec. 31, 1940)
Chipfunde	Jonah Machiri
Chikuhwe	(From Jan. 1, 1941)
	<i>To be supplied</i>
	Titus Katiyo
	(Naomi Mango)

Chitimbe	James Sitole (Dorcas Chiwara)
Chivinge	<i>To be supplied</i>
Gadaga	<i>To be supplied</i>
Machekaza	Isaiah Nyanyungu (Aaron Mukombochoto)
Kaseke	<i>To be supplied</i>
Gotora	<i>To be supplied</i>
Mashambanhaka	(Alexander Banda)
Zanga	Josiah Mrewa (Jennie Tsiga)
Zaranyika	Enoch Majuru

Maramba-Pfungwi-Darwin Circuit Jonah Chitombo 4

Maramba	<i>To be supplied</i>
Saparanya mbuya	Timothy Chirimimba
Chidagwa	(Meshak Katshamakwara)
Dindi	Noah Muswe
Mutata	Enoch Makuto

OLD UMTALI DISTRICT**Superintendent, M. J. Murphree 6**

Old Umtali Mission, P. B. Umtali

Chiduku (North) Circuit

Chinyadza	
Gurure	
Masedza	
Musungumbewa	
Muziti	
Rukweza Boarding School	
Rukweza	
Rusapi	

Johnson Maramba 2

(John Marwa)	
Josiah Chidzikwe	
(Denford Machiri)	
(Alice Matanga)	
Solomon Kanyenzi	
Johnson Maramba 2	
(Elina Maramba)	
(Agnes Maripakwenda)	
Moses Mparutsa 1	
(Moses Gwizo)	
<i>To be supplied</i>	

Chiduku (South) Circuit

Chiduku	
Chikanda	
Chigora	
Gorekore	

Obadiah Chimonyo 2

Joshua Chirikuutsi	
Philemon Mazaiwana	
Anderson Kachisi	
Peter Marwa	
(Ruth Marwa)	

Kufa (Chitenderano)	Obadiah Chimonyo 2 (Mary Emma Sitole) (Mary Kapswara) (Isaac Zhungu) Leonard Kasambira (Peter Sitole) (Mary Chiwanga)
Manyora	
Sharara	
Gandanzara Circuit	Silas Kasambira 6
Gandanzara	Silas Kasambira 6 (Wellington Muzarewetu) (Jimmie Chiripamberi) (Dinah Cheke) Paul Malianga (Samuel Matongo)
Primary Boarding School	
Mapara	<i>To be supplied</i>
Mapaura	(Benjamin Magume)
Ndingi	Vincent Hamadziripi
Tswikiro	(Matthew Mubanza)
Zuzi	Kenneth Marange
Chikuruwo	Philip Sitole
Game Valley	<i>To be supplied</i>
Mukahanana	(Runa Cheke) (Nellie Chibonga)
Sherukuru	Editor Makefunyi
Mtasa Circuit	Patrick Machiri 6
Buwu	<i>To be supplied</i>
Maguwa	(Elliman Marozi)
Nhunhamma	Elias Jangano (Gordon Chimonyo)
Nyakatsapa	Patrick Machiri 6 (Amos Karumbidza) (Ellen Mahlunge) (Norah Zwingowaniseyi) (Aaron Machiri) (Sandros Nyamavuvu)
Nyamukwarara	Aaron Sitole
Rupinda	(Patrick Kanangoni)
Samanga	<i>To be supplied</i>
Vumbunu	(Marjorie Mutendehama)
Wengo	<i>To be supplied</i>
Zinyembe	
Old Umtali Circuit	Z. Mukombiwa 2
Battery Spruit	(Philip Mandiambira)
Chikanga	(Ruth Chikusi)
Chiremba	(Grace Manyarara)
Jenza	(Maud Mauchaza)

Mandiambira	(Nason Chigubu)
Manyarara	Obadiah Musingwini
Mundenda	Zachariah Mukombiwa 2
Marara	(Eliah Mutefa)
Odzi	(Samuel Gwarada)
Rutsenza	(Phibeon Kasiamhuru)
	(Ellen Mqleti)

Penhalonga **Philip Chieza 2**
(Jessie Danda)

Old Umtali Mission	M. J. Murphree 6
Old Umtali Church	Josiah Chimbadzwa 5
Theological School	M. J. Murphree 6
Teacher Training Dept.	R. C. Gates 3
Assistants	Lois Pfaff 5
Central Primary School	Emily Loze 2
Assistants	Jessie Pfaff 2
	C. Faku 7
	R. Ngonyama 7
Primary School	A. Kapenzi 12
Assistants	(Edward Mazaiwana)
	(Elias Ngonyama)
	(Elsie Ngonyama)
	(Enoch Dumbafena)
Music	R. C. Gates 3
	(Nancy Ngonyama)
	(Helen Chimbadzwa)
	(Anna Moore Chigayo)
	Mrs. M. J. Murphree 5
	Amos Kapenzi 12

Agriculture and Animal	Husbandry
Assistant	George Braithwaite 2
	(Ashford Bepete)
Carpentry and Building	William Hamrick 2
Assistants	(Elliott Sukhuma)
	(N. Tsododo)

Medical Work and	Ruth E. Hansson 3
Maternity Training	(Matthew Chasinda)
	(Lois Mandiambira)
	(Samuel Munjora)
Women's Work	Mrs. R. C. Gates 3
Assistant	(Ruth Musingwini)

Fairfield Girls' School
W.F.M.S. Directress

**District Evangelist and
 Superintendent of Schools**

Frances Quinton 4
 Jessie Pfaff 2
 Lois Pfaff 5
 Irene Gugin 3
 (Nancy Ngonyama)
 (Marigold Munjoma)
 Harriet Mandikutsi)
 (Agnes Muradzikwa)
 Per Hassing 1

UMTALI DISTRICT

Superintendent E. L. Sells 4
 P.O. Box 55, Umtali

Marange Circuit

Chirinda
 Chipfatsura

Mafararikwa
 Makomwe

Masasi
 Matanda
 Musiringofa

Mutsago
 Nyika
 Shundure

Jeanes Teacher

Thomas Marange 2

(Allison Cedisoni)
 Joshua Mutsago
 (Sarah Mutsago)
 (Lillian Nerutombwe)

(Noel Dambudza)
 Thomas Marange 2

Isaiah Kuwana
 (Luke Mutepfa)
 (Emurwi Panganai)
 (Paul Mutengo)

Abisha Ndizano
 Lionel Zimunya
 (Edith Masiya)

(Kenneth Nhundulu
 Hezekiah Muranda
 Martin Nyagura
 (Martha Nyagura)
 Beatrice Mukongerwa)
 (Samson Zwinoira)

Umtali Circuit

St. Andrew's Church
 St. Thomas Church
 Miller Memorial Church
 School

Native Girls' Hostel
 District Rukwadzano
 rhwe Wadzimayi

E. L. Sells 4

P. B. Christian 3

Titus Maranke 7

Gladman Faku
 (Joyce Nyangombe)
 (Agnes Munjoma)
 (Nellie Nhlakama)
 (Mary Mutepfa)

Ona M. Parmenter 5

Mrs. E. L. Sells 4

Zimunya Circuit	Benjamin Katsidzira 2
Bvumba	Jonathan Tinowona
Chitakatira	Job Gondora (Justin Marwira) (Efraida Gondora)
Chirara	Shadrack Chitereka
Dangari	Joyina Tsumbeni
Derembwe	<i>To be supplied</i>
Gwese	Paul Maviza
Mukozhiwa	Morrison Parwehosi
Munyarari	Johnson Sachiti (Bertha Sachiti)
Muradzikwa	Benjamin Katsidzira 2
Murare	Gibson Makaire (Noah Saburi) (Grace Katsidzira) (Evelinah Mandiambira)
Rowa	Daniel Chitenderu (Taylor Kawadza) (Eva Mae Mundondo) Aaron Mutonho (Grace Charwadza)

SPECIAL APPOINTMENTS

Rhodesia Mission Press	M. J. Murphree 3
Editor of Umbowo	Frances Quinton 4
Assistant	Josiah Chimbadzwa 5
Evangelist at Large	
Editor Sunday School	R. C. Gates 1
Literature	
Mission Correspondent	Mrs. R. C. Gates 2
Concession Registrar	R. C. Gates 3
Associate Editor	The Mission Treasurer
Missionary Advocate	
Missionary Evangelist	E. L. Sells 5
in E. Africa	
Missionary to Indians	L. E. Adkins —Member
On Leave of Absence	of O. U. Qtr. Conf. 2
On Furlough	P. B. Christian 3
	John Nduna
	T. A. O'Farrell
	Mrs. T. A. O'Farrell
	Lulu Tubbs
	Oril Penney

NOTE**Heavy Type**—Members of Conference*Italics*—Members on Trial.

Roman—Missionaries and Accepted Supply Pastors.

()—Teachers and other workers.

Part VI

(a) Reports of District Superintendents

REPORT OF MREWA DISTRICT

H. I. James, *Superintendent*

Bishop Springer and Fellow-Workers:

As we meet again for our Annual Conference we do so amidst World conditions grave and ominous. Never before, perhaps, have we faced such dangers for civilization, and Christianity itself are both threatened by a foe as strong and subtle as it is sinister. Against my will there has crept into my mind a score of times the idea that perhaps we should for the time being abandon the ordinary things of life and concentrate on the destruction of this arch enemy of God and mankind. Should we continue with the building of this church? Should we think of holding our Annual Conference? and other such questions were, however, as often repelled as they thrust themselves forward. Perhaps never in the past has there been such a need for every member of the Christian Church to work together with God for the destruction of all that hinders the coming of a better day.

During the past few days there have been ringing in my ears and mind the sentence "I know that God is good." Only today I discovered them in the words of a hymn:

"And in the maddening maze of things,
When tossed by storm and flood,
To one fixed ground my spirit clings;
I know that God is good!"

God is good! and the knowledge of this supremely important fact enables us to trust Him in all things even where we cannot exactly fathom His methods in dealing with rampant evil.

Our Conference year has been a short year of only about nine months and if it be true that good things are wrapped in small parcels it must have been a good year. And so it has, though it has demanded more strenuous effort of me than any year, short or long, I have ever known. I could not have accomplished what has been done without the loyal co-operation of my fellow ministers on the districts. I say districts for the superintendency of the Mtoko District also fell to me for the whole year until just a few weeks ago when Mr. Bourgaize so kindly returned. For a matter of a few

weeks also after the going of T. A. O'Farrell on furlough I had the added burden of the Nyadiri District on my shoulders It rested lightly however for our greatly welcomed new missionary, Mr. Per Hassing, took well the responsibility of the station.

The Mrewa District comprises three circuits and the Mission at Mrewa besides the co-operative work in Salisbury. We have four African ministers and eighty-five local preachers for the more than 40 preaching places on the District. We have 21 schools with 30 teachers. The going of Rev. Isaiah Munjoma on Leave of Absence last Conference left us with a gap. We greatly wondered what we should do but the Rev. Hosea Katsidzira very willingly and ably shouldered the main of the burden of two circuits. I am greatful to him for this. The work of the other ministers has also been faithfully done and we are glad to be able to report in our statistics that there is an increase in the full members of the district of 197 and an increase in probationers of 243, a total increase of 440. We cannot report on a Camp-meeting as we generally do as this is generally held in August and we have had no August in this year.

The educational work in the village schools is becoming more and more popular and the requests more frequent backed up by a willingness to contribute more towards the cost by the communities where schools are open. I could not have adequately superintended these schools this year without the efficient help of my co-superintendent of schools, Mr. Matthew Magorimbo.

At Mrewa Mission we cannot report all the things that have gone on even if we would. The training in hand, mind and heart has demanded our utmost and this, I think, has been given by the whole Mission staff of two ministers, ten teachers and several other valuable workers in the general work of the mission. The school enrollment this year is about 350 which includes 160 boys in the Boarding department. Last year we increased the accommodation for the boarding. Miss Ellener feels that there should be equal opportunity for the girls to get training who live too far away from the mission to come daily. I agree fully and know that if we had boarding accommodation for girls any space we might have would be taken by girls of our own Church who are unable to get into our girls' schools at our other Missions.

The usual Church work of the mission has been carried on under the hampering circumstances of not having a building in which the whole congregation could worship. We have

used a temporary enclosure roofed only by the sky. True we have not been crowded out as we were in the church building of the previous year for our out of doors at Mrewa is very large. Even during the rainy season however there were not many Sundays when we could not meet out doors. On those Sundays when we could not we had to divide the congregation and meet in the school and dining rooms. Those days happily have come to an end for in this building where we now are gathered and which was opened and dedicated yesterday will now, we hope and pray, become a veritable House of God to those living in the neighbourhood and those who come from far and near to dwell with us on the Mission. Through the ministrations of this church may it be said of many who will come here with the sole thought of getting the education of books that they also received the education of the heart.

The erection of this church has involved far more than I had anticipated in time, thought and energy. It has meant constant work for fifteen months. It certainly has not been built without sound of the hammer. One of our ministers who evidently knows something of noise and bustle of the work on the large mines, after paying us a visit one day said "It is just like a mine." Many a time I have had to halt the singing and talk so that I might give orders or instructions. I have learned over and over again that if there is a task to be done by ten workmen that there are generally about ten different ways of doing that task and that each of the ten will instruct the other nine of his way of doing it before any will attempt doing it. I am thankful to say that during the whole of the work we have had no serious accident to any workmen. I could give many details of the building as I have been continuously with the work. Its walls contain many thousands of tons of granite. Its forty-eight arches, great and small, took about 500 tons of concrete and over two tons of reinforcing steel, while the plaster on the walls weighed well over 30 tons. All doors and windows were designed and made on the mission and its 8,000 cement tiles were also made here one by one. I cannot forbear making mention of the splendid help of some of our local men. Our general mission out-door supervisor, Baba Saul Kuture, is always looking around into this and that corner and never has he let us be held up for water, stone or sand. My colleague, Rev. Luke Cnieza, was with us most of the time and I got to know that if he were not on the job he was either preparing for or doing his pastoral work. Our teacher carpenter, Felton Phombeya has also been invaluable. He and I made a pretty good team. I knew what had to be done and as a rule he knew how to do it. Some of our local

teachers have put in their full time during the vacations. Here I must also pay a tribute to our neighbour and friend Mr. D. F. van der Merwe who through the years has taken such an interest in our mission work. Most of the materials such as timber and cement we have used in the church he has hauled from Salisbury and all free of charge. This is Christian friendship indeed. I am valuing this church in the statistics at £3,000. Many of our local members have given a door or a window. In all nearly a hundred pounds have been received in this way. I am happy to assure the Conference that we have been able to arrange the finances so that after some adjustments have been made there will be absolutely no debt on the building.

Now that the church building is completed we plan to make a special effort to build up the spiritual life of its members and congregation.

We have the bricks ready for the erection of five more permanent houses at the Mission village. We also have about 12,000 tiles made and these will be added to as funds and conditions permit to roof all the buildings of the mission now grass thatched. The first of these will probably be one of the present school rooms.

The Womans' work has been carried on during the year by Mrs. James as usual with profit and appreciation of the women of the mission and neighbourhood.

European services have been held monthly at the Mission during the year. We have a good attendance considering the few Europeans within our scope.

And now we look out into the future. We see the things yet to be done. We see the changing conditions and realise that we do not know what even the near future may hold for us. In this connection the words of another hymn have been an inspiration to me and I desire that they may be my guide:

“Be still, my soul: The Lord is on thy side
Bear patiently the cross of grief and pain;
Leave to thy God to order and provide;
In every change He faithful will remain.
Be still, my soul: thy best, thy heavenly Friend
Through thorny ways leads to a joyful end.
Be still, my soul: thy God doth undertake
To guide the future as he has the past.
Thy hope, thy confidence let nothing shake
All now mysterious shall be bright at last.
Be still, my soul: the waves and winds still know
His voice who ruled them while He dwelt below.”

REPORT OF MTOKO DISTRICT

W. Bourgaize, Superintendent

Bishop Springer and Fellow Workers:—

Arriving back in Rhodesia on the sixteenth of June, after an absence of eighteen months from the field, it is needless to state that I have not much to report at this Conference. However, first, I wish to assure you all that I am more than delighted to once again exchange the busy bustling streets of America for the narrow crooked native trails of Africa.

We have come to Africa to lead and to teach the African but, I am thoroughly convinced that there are many, many lessons that we can learn from him, and I, for one, am doing so.

A great deal of the writer's time, while in United States, and Canada was spent visiting the churches and telling about Africa. Seldom did I fail to find an interested, appreciative audience. Where there is a story to tell of God's grace working in the hearts and lives of our people I found no lack of response on the part of the people of the churches, and also a keen interest on the part of several who had no church affiliation. This interest, on the part of the latter, was often expressed in a very practical way.

I wish to express my sincere appreciation of the work done by the Reverend H. I. James, who, although carrying already more than his share of work, took time out to supervise the work on-the Mtoko District, and it was ably supervised and financed. I also wish to thank the ministers and teachers for the able way in which they carried on the work of this District in my absence.

The District

The urgent need is for more adequately trained teachers. This need will be with us for some time to come; not for expanding the work, but, to fill vacant schools which were at one time manned.

There is no desire on the part of the writer to expand the work in the Mtoko District until the policy of centralization has been put through by the government. When the centralization is completed we will then be in a position to have larger and better staffed schools, although they may be fewer in number.

The development of the proposed new Mission site near Makaha, was held up during my furlough. It has again been taken up and is being pushed forward as rapidly as possible with the fullest support of the local Native Commissioner. The very keen interest in this new project evidenced by so many of the Native people would indicate that there is a need here which should be met.

We face the unknown future, in a world that is being shaken to its foundations, with an Upward Look, for that is the only direction from which help, guidance and sustaining grace can come.

REPORT OF MUTAMBARA DISTRICT

G. A. ROBERTS, *Superintendent*

Bishop Springer and Fellow-Workers:

In presenting this report of the Mutambara District, it is with gratitude for guidance in so many problems but with sincere confession that much that we desired doing has been left unaccomplished. The staff of the District have had a happy Conference year, for which we thank the Heavenly Father. Each member has contributed his share to general advancement and uplift and kindly good fellowship. The church becomes more real in minds and hearts as time passes, so finally we hope to become self-supporting and a greater factor in the life of the community. As has always been the case, the village church and school are the centers for progress. We are reminded constantly of the requests and demands for schools. The desire is for a teacher, for even the poorest of the people can see that the lot of the educated person is more to their liking than that of the uneducated. One place that has been under consideration for the establishment of a school for several years developed a trade in poultry. The native boys had been stealing a European's fowls. When brought before the magistrate and questioned as to whether they had ever been to school and upon answering that they had not, a light sentence was given and the matter referred to us. We have a thriving school there now, less than half a year old but with more than half a hundred pupils in daily attendance. The teacher in charge is a vigorous worker and does well. More than another half hundred are waiting to enter the school. Of course it is a poor little school for the fathers and mothers have no idea that self-support is necessary. They supply the live, wriggling, throbbing, almost naked material that presents the opportunity for Christian service. Truly again I say, the restless groups wait for guidance to the pathway.

The church work has been carried on in all of its branches. The Sunday School is a part of each church of the District, and is a source of much religious instruction. It is not carried on with the efficiency we would desire, but is placing the lessons of the Bible plainly and constantly before the people. In the work of the Church, Rev. J. Rugayo is a faithful Minister.

The Missionary Society is sponsored with a great deal of enthusiasm, if one is to judge by the number of church people who give to the collection each month. We give over one church service to this society monthly, and are trying to learn something from the way in which they collect funds. It is thrilling to see the people so gladly and willingly contributing of their income. It surely will become a great organization in the church during the years to come.

The Rukwadzana (fellowship of the women) continues to search out and win for Christ souls in villages. This work, carried on by a group of spirited and noble women, is rendering a service to people who are otherwise not likely to be brought in touch with the Gospel. The Rukwadzana records conversions at almost every meeting.

The Wabvuwi, an organization of the people at the Mission but also in a smaller way carried on from each village church, does a fine work of preaching the Gospel. Its members are sent out from week to week to preaching points throughout the district.

The children's church established on the Reserve, not as a separate church but really as an overflow meeting from Mutambara Mission, is giving special effort to the younger children. Miss Scovill has looked after this work and reports fine attendance.

Finally there have been a goodly number of receptions into the church, both in full connection and probation. Every Quarterly Conference receives a class of each, and if one is to take note of the baptismal service there is a growing desire to observe the rites of the church. I hesitate to state numbers in church membership, though the number of receptions has been good.

The demand is still with Mutambara for a new church building and a new school building. Both are greatly needed, for the rooms we have are not adequate and the church building is very poor. It is just comfortably but completely filled with pupils at ordinary times, while on Sundays and on special days there is demand for twice the room. Besides this, the church should be a structure fitting in size and architecture. The site for each has been chosen and now we need funds for brick-making and the purchase of other building material.

At the end of 1939 Miss Jessie Pfaff closed her duties as head mistress of the Central School. It was a triumphal year's work. Miss Scovill and Miss Deyo in their usual and great efficiency pilot the 407 pupils of the Central School this year. The African assistants: Martin Chiza, Lewis Tsododo, Period Dube, Albert Mundondo, Booker Muzuru, Nathan Ndizano, Eunice Munjoma, Lydia Mutengo, Siri Munjoma, Sophie Matongo, Emma Rakabopa, Elsie Masiazi, Jessica Rakabopa, Emma Munjoma, and Marie Shamu are doing commendable work. The industrial teachers, Jacob Mtisi and Mack Nezandonyi, are faithfully and surely bringing up the handicraft of Mutambara. We have had to use four of last year's Standard V class to make out in the teaching. They are not as well-trained as we wish they were, but are doing good work. We should secure higher standard teachers for this work. The farms of the Board and the W. F. M. S. furnish opportunity for much wholesome work with hands. The industrial work of the Girls' School is managed by Miss Clark. We must not allow our schools to get too quickly away from the manual labour that keeps native women healthy and strong, and happy with the idea that they are producing food for their families.

The village schools are the workshop of Mutambara District. The supervision of these schools has been done by Mrs. Roberts during the past year. With their numbers of children in school, and numbers more who would enter if there were facilities adequate for giving instruction, the call is clearer and more vivid than ever before for help. We must have more teachers. Our oldest school is the exception, for the people have been moved to places where the government has arranged plots for sale or for use with irrigation. The young teacher has only 34 in school, but they are regular in attendance and which of us could manage everything from industrial instruction to religious teaching, with all of the common school subjects in between. At Bvumbura 63 were received, though there were 109 who wanted to be in school. The young teacher is doing a wonderful work. Shinja Station, managed by one of our older men also of 5th Standard rating, is a blessing to the whole community. The children about his station are not quite like the sands of the sea, but they are many. At the Nyanyadzi Station, called Nenohwe, I was waited on by the fathers, brothers, and mothers of the pupils to ask for more teachers, and teachers with certificates of higher training, and a man with a wife. To this, my answer was that 7 out of 10 of the company had been in our school at different times and that I had tried to induce each of them to remain with us and finally become a

teacher or a preacher. They had all left the Mission for higher wages or less arduous tasks. It seems that we have not been successful in presenting these opportunities of leadership in such a manner that they may be held to this great Christian service.

Rupisi which used to be a station but has been closed for several years because other groups made the people believe they should not give collections, have been asking for two years that the station be reopened with a school and church. The same case is true with Mutsiabako, also one of our oldest stations. It can again be a very fine station, for there are more than 90 children who want a teacher, and many of the parents are asking for the station to be re-established and the school opened. One boy who came from Mutsiabako to ask entrance at Mutambara said he had been waiting two years for the Holy Spirit to teach him to read and write. A group of people from that neighbourhood had told him that the Holy Spirit would teach him. He said he had not learned and now wanted to try Mutambara. Chakowa with many children of families moved into the irrigation area, are clamoring for education. 100 children swarm the school which is too much for the teachers, neither of whom is certificated. Many of these families are from other stations where they have had church and school for many years. More pupils would be available were facilities adequate to give them place.

Chitora has been unsettled for some years, due to the people being moved. They expect another move this year. They say that when they have been moved, they will build a more substantial church and school and teacher's house. They have 2 teachers and 136 pupils and very nearly perfect attendance. Their industrial work and agricultural demonstrations are also good. Munyora Station has been closed, due to the people being moved to other sections and also the inconvenience of having a station on a privately owned farm. Chiamezi and Chiramba Stations, among the newer ones, have people who have had little opportunity for school or church. They give great promise of being useful stations in the years to come. I want to say again that these village-school teachers are doing a heroic work.

We have been thankful for the services of the nurses who have cared for the sick and have taken their fair share of other responsibility of the Mission. As Sister Rosa Rydell had to go to Durban for health reasons, Sister Ona Parmenter came to do the medical work at Mutambara. Sister Rydell returned and has again taken over the medical work. In the department there seems to be a growing

confidence, if one is to take note of the increasing numbers of people who come in for treatment.

During this time of great stress and turmoil in many countries, we may be justly thankful that we live in a country that allows freedom of worship, and that it is our privilege and joy to work for the salvation of the African people.

REPORT OF NYADIRI DISTRICT

H. E. Taylor, *Superintendent.*

Bishop Springer and Fellow-Workers:

My wife and I are happy and thankful to God for the privilege of being back again in our work in Rhodesia.

Out Stations

The year began with seventeen schools open, besides the Mission in seven of which there were two teachers each and the village boarding school at Manyika had four. Four of the schools have run down so in attendance that we have removed one teacher from each. There is another from which one teacher will probably have to be removed and as it appears now there will be several more to close, besides Kasambarare, because of poor attendance and failure to bring in their offerings. The sad fact that goes a long way with the closing of the schools is that the church seems to practically disappear, as well, for there is little attendance at any service that it is attempted to hold and the people will give nothing towards the support of their minister. This appears to be one of the surest indications of weakness in our church—this instability or lack of loyalty that is seen when the teacher has to be taken away. Hence, we have convincing proof that without a nucleus of loyal Christians at a place before a school is opened there is little likelihood of being able to carry on excepting such a strong group of Christians develop. Ought we not, therefore, at the present stage of progress of our work in Rhodesia to take time to build up this strong nucleus of church members before a school is opened—members who can be received at first into the nearest congregation. This may seem to indicate lack of faith, but first consider how deadening is this opening and closing of a school in a community. Surely this teaches us to realize that we must have patience to see a slow beginning. I quote Bishop Hughes who speaks of, "Our fathers rooted in evangelism and fruited

in Christian education." It is a mistake to be afraid to await the necessary cultivation and development, for it is now apparent that our people do not realize that our first concern is the development of a church which shall not be a background for but the forefront of the educational development of the children in the schools. Perhaps it is not necessary to labor this point but yet our present efforts and use of time as missionaries seem to warrant the assumption on the part of the people that the school is the primary consideration. As is not true now, it must be realized that a school cannot long continue that is dependent on its support for its teacher upon the children of that school, practically alone.

Also, this hurry and instability go hand in hand with the employment of young teachers many of whom, as well, are from other missions. We court the disaster that has so often ensued, the more significant part of which is the setbacks that the church suffers. There is not herein the suggestion that we close schools now open, but it is strongly urged that we do not reopen closed ones or open new ones until this very necessary instruction and evangelism have resulted in a foundation Christian group. To do this preliminary work it appears that we use more widely unpaid local preacher-evangelists.

Also, it is urged that the evidence be taken into consideration which discloses a lack of the necessary care in the reception of members, since so many are, so soon after being received, removing themselves by the breaking of the seventh commandment. Here the question intrudes, "Are we not too casual in condemnation of other sins?" In all this be it known that not only are African brethren to be thought of, both as to responsibility on the one hand or conduct on the other.

The Maramba-Pfungwi area, because of frequent lack of rainfall, is often a hungry area and so presents a special claim for missionary effort or aid if it is to carry on with support of leaders. Of interest is the fact that from September to November each year the whole population of the Pfungwi treks with all it owns to the Mazoe River for water and to wash the sands for gold.

We must make greater effort to see to it that local preacher training courses are given and so have trained men who may, with this special training, be able to undertake this special work of evangelism mentioned above. This becomes the more urgent as we face the inevitable increasing use of little more

than children for kraal school teachers. Such trained and devoted men, under the direction of and with the assistance of the ministers, surely are the ones upon whom we shall depend to meet this urgency of establishing the nucleus of a Christian community before a school is opened. In passing, may it not be assumed that this presents a special scope for training in the theological school or in the refresher courses for the ministers.

Self-support

The degree of our giving or the extent of our interest in God's work, is the reading on the thermometer that measures the temperature of our spiritual life. Whether or not this figure be deemed a true one, it nevertheless points to the truth that a non-giving church member is a cold Christian, while one who gives freely is a warm one. Hence, until tithing comes to be accepted as the least one can do in keeping the promise made, regarding giving as the Lord prospers one, there will be the continuance of our present difficulties regarding financing our work. As it is, in not following up the disciplinary method of dealing with delinquent members, we leaders share in their guilt.

Shall we then accept these statements as a challenge to act :—

1st, by increasing our care in accepting probationers and full members.

2nd, by insisting that one truly committed to God's will must welcome advice on giving, involving, if necessary, minute study of his resources in order to arrive at a true view of his ability to give.

3rd, by quickly applying the disciplinary provision in case of delinquency, by warning first and then dropping from membership if there be failure to heed.

4th, by exploring all possible means of increasing income, as, for example, by the Lord's Acre plan, advice as to better farming methods, advice on current or necessary spending that it may be wisely done, pointing out the wrong of extravagant spending as being the same as stealing from God's work. In this connection I am glad to hear that there was discussion at the Native Christian Convention regarding the large expenditures for weddings and for preparation for the baptismal service.

There has come to my attention at different times a possible desirability that tithers make known their use of tithe money.

Nyadiri Mission

Miss King reports for Nyadiri Girls School:—"The girls' schools has made no startling changes or progress since last conference but there are signs of healthy growth. The enrollment in the upper standards is larger than ever before and the quality of work done by both teachers and pupils is higher. One of the four 1939 girls is teaching for another denomination, one taking nurse's training at Nyadiri, and two are at Old Umtali. Three of the standard IV's are teaching in village schools.

Further improvements have been and are being made on the school building and we have to make some much needed repairs to the dormitories and laundry soon. Girls are still clamoring for admission and it is often difficult to know which ones to refuse. Improved and more numerous village schools would help to solve this problem."

There are 169 boarding boys and men, or rather were for the first half year, but several of both groups have dropped out because of inability to secure tuition fees.

The new dormitory with its three big rooms and a luggage store, even though we have been unable so far to provide doors, excepting for the store room, is a great boon to the boys, you may be sure. On the other hand the dining room space is poor and crowds the boys greatly. It is expected that one of the old dormitories will be prepared for temporary overflow dining room. The amount of the labor diverted to the building program of the mission resulted in the production of a small harvest this season, so that between 400 and 500 bags of maize will have to be purchased.

Medical Work

We are very pleased at the presence of Dr. Barnett at Mtoko leper camp, where he came about a year ago, both because of having his fine Christian service there and because of his weekly visits to the medical department. His fine spirit and helpfulness are very encouraging.

The number of inpatients for the year is 1701, besides which there were thousands of daily treatments.

The new hospital is now ready for the last items of work to be completed. No definite estimate of costs has been attempted for the completion, which includes glazing, painting, doors, ceiling, three sets of steps, guttering, temporary partitions on the verandah, water tanks, and much of the necessary equipment.

It is desired to draw the attention of the Conference to the very undesirable attitude that exists among the people regarding fees for care and medicine. It appears that the reasons for this lie between both patients and ourselves as a Mission with respect to the lack of a definite policy looking toward more and more advance toward as full as possible payment for medical services. However, in passing it should be noted that our problem in securing payment is complicated by the fact that at government hospitals the patients do not supply their food and, I believe, at Mtoko, at least, they pay nothing for any kind of treatments.

We record with a deep sense of loss, the death of Esther Tsododo. She was the head native nurse at Nyadiri, a fine Christian and very effective worker. She went to her heavenly home on May 21.

Nyadiri District has much for which to be proud and thankful in the loyal Christian service of its two African ministers. Many years of acquaintance with these two men is gratefully renewed as I have taken up the district work. Also, the other members of the African staff, both male and female, are doing their work in a manner to win our thankful recognition.

REPORT OF OLD UMTALI DISTRICT

M. J. Murphree, *Superintendent*

Bishop Springer and Fellow-Workers:

Our Lord Jesus Christ said to His disciples, "I am the Light of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life." Again he said to them, "Ye are the light of the world." He alone is the source of all spiritual light and life, and power, and peace. We His followers, form the lamps through which this light and power is to reach those who are in darkness. During this Conference year, seventeen missionaries, twelve Native ministers, eighty-two Native teachers, and one hundred and forty Local preachers, of the Old Umtali District, have been the special instruments for spreading the Light at the center and throughout the District. There are many evil forces in the world to-day which oppose the light, it seems as never before, and the work in the Old Umtali District has not been without opposition. In spite of difficulties however, this has been a year of unusual blessing and victory. Our faith in

the ultimate triumph of the right in this land and throughout the world, is stronger than ever before.

There have been fewer changes than usual this year in both European and Native Staff. Aside from the changes in appointments made at last Conference, effective at the close of the school year, the outstanding change, and one which we welcomed most heartily, was the coming of Rev. Per Hassing. Since the departure of Mr. Adkins at the end of 1937 we have been praying for some-one to be sent to lead the educational and evangelistic work in the forty-six stations in the District. We are indeed grateful for the answer to our prayers.

The Ministry of Healing. Our medical workers, Missionaries and Natives, have given another year of faithful service in the general hospital, the dispensaries, the maternity hospital, the orphanage, and in the training of Native nurses. Miss Hanson writes of her work; "It is impossible to express our thankfulness for the new hospital grounds, buildings and equipment. The finishing of the new Maternity Hospital late last year proved indeed a providential leading. Had we waited a little longer, these buildings would not have been possible because of soaring prices of building materials. The number of maternity patients is increasing every year. The mothers no longer hesitate to come. The difficulty now is to find room for all who wish to come. A clinic day each week has been set aside for the people from the out-stations, and many are coming for help to these clinics. Some come from distant villages using most of three days for the return journey, but they have kept it up faithfully. Some days there have been as many as sixty people representing many villages. These contacts with the village people have been very pleasing to us. Since we could not go to them, they have come to us. Classes in Nurses training are held in the afternoons."

The orphanage under the care of Miss Gugin has twenty-one babies ranging in age from two months to three years. Four of these will be returned to their relatives or adopted into Christian homes within the next few months. "To understand the value of the orphanage in the Training of the girls, it would be necessary to see the girls of standard six in action. The preparation of foods for infants of varying ages, nursing and care in time of illness, and the early training and development of the babies, give to the girls invaluable experience. The majority of the girls are keenly interested." In addition to the medical work at Old Umtali Center, good work is being done at Chitenderano (Kufa) by David Sakatomba who was trained by Miss Bjorklund many

years ago. At Gandanzara a good beginning has been made by Dinah Cheke, trained at Old Umtali and Hope Fountain.

Educational

As already mentioned, there are forty-six out stations in this District, and a staff of sixty-three paid workers, including two paid by the Government. Thirty of these stations had approved schools, but owing to the removal of the people from the farm, Game Valley had to be closed, leaving twenty-nine Government aided schools. Twelve stations are ready for starting schools on an aided basis as soon as missionary supervision is provided. In the schools already approved by Government, there is a total enrolment of 2035, average of just over 70 to the school.

Hartzell Training School

A marked improvement is seen in the whole student body this year, over last year. This improvement is shown by their willingness to work and study, and a by fuller appreciation of the privileges given them in this Christian institution. A splendid atmosphere was noticeable at the beginning of the year, and this fine spirit was increased by the Divine visitation at Easter Time. The Easter meetings were almost entirely lacking in outward demonstration, but I have never witnessed such depth of conviction and such earnestness and sincerity in the dedication of life to Christ.

Mr. Gates reports on the Teacher Training and Central Primary schools as follows; "The new Teaching Training syllabus, post Std. 6, is a heavy one. One of the burdens upon the teachers in this department is that they have to search out and find the materials, and suitable materials, for presentation to the classes. The subject matter is not provided in text-books; the teacher has to provide the content of the course as well as to teach it. Another difficulty is to find enough source book material of the right kind, in simple language, in which the pupils may do assigned study. The pupils have been earnest and enthusiastic. After the male members of the classes had engaged in two weeks of practice teaching amongst the village schools of the Maranke Circuit they returned to report that they had not only greatly enjoyed the experience but that they had been faced with many school problems of a practical nature. They were also grateful for the generous hospitality extended them by the people at the different stations.

"The short course of teacher-training for students who expect to go into teaching at the end of Standards 4, 5, or 6 has been started. Eight pupils are taking the short course.

"We would prefer to have the teacher-training department called the pastor-training department, in as much as many of our teachers will become pastors, as well as teachers. To this end, instruction and training are being given in pastoral work and preaching. Native ministers are called in from time to time to speak to the classes on various phases of pastoral work.

"The main school building has been painted, the out-side wood and iron work and the walls of all the school rooms. Large pictures have been hung upon the walls of all the rooms. The small room at the south end of the verandah has been set aside as a library. We are greatly in need of books; if anyone has books to donate, they will be gratefully received. A temporary room has been set aside in one of the old buildings for the teaching of science.

"Some of the needs of the school are; (a) Another teacher to assist in the music department; (b) a science laboratory properly equipped; (c) a storage and equipment room; and (d) a general assembly near the main school building.

"If we are to supply certificated teachers for our village schools, and keep them in the service, we shall need to have larger numbers entering the teacher-training classes, and give them more consideration than they have received. We might as a Conference profitably give time to study the problem of getting more candidates for pastor-teacher work, and of avoiding the large annual loss in the ranks of these valued workers.

Having a full-time missionary in the Industrial Department is meeting a need which we have felt since the departure of Mr. Mauger just about ten years ago. Mr. Hamrick reports on his work as follows:

"In this past Conference year we have tried to our part in upholding the policy of Bishop Hartzell—the education of head, hand and heart. This year has been a very good one for the Industrial Department. We are getting organized so that we can devote more time in helping each boy learn to use both his head and his hands. We have just received a shipment of tools and equipment from America so I am sure in the future our work will be done better and quicker. Before we didn't have sufficient equipment to carry on our classes to the best advantage but now it will be a pleasure for both the boys and the teachers to do the jobs at hand."

The teaching of agriculture continues to occupy the important place which it deserves in the education of the African people. Mr. Braithwaite says of his work:

"The experimental plots, both in field and vegetable crops did very well and provided some excellent demonstrations for the students. The vegetable garden has provided a supply of greens for the boarding boys continuously throughout the year. We hope to be able to continue this in the future, as it saves the buying of dry relish and, also, promotes better health among the boys.

"The Eucalyptus trees continue to do well. In addition to the usual forestry program, we have put out 1250 pine trees this season. About 85% of these have taken root.

"The response of our boys to agricultural teaching is very heartening and we look forward to the day when better methods of animal and field husbandry will banish starvation and raise the standard of living among the African people."

The splendid harvest which has just been completed, has fully justified the employment of a full-time supervisor for general field crops. Mr. Huie, who completed his three year teaching contract at the end of last year, has given his full time to this work, and with very good results. 1403 bags of maize were harvested and 77½ bags of beans. The acreage planted to lucerne and other green feed crops has been trebled. We are therefore in the happy position of having a sufficient food supply for our boarding department, and also sufficient feed for all requirements of the dairy and piggery.

This increase in the production of field crops has not in any way interfered with the crop rotation plan which has been followed for the past few years, neither has it interfered with the planting of green manure, and other soil building crops. On the contrary, having a full-time supervisor for the field work has enabled us to plant more such crops than formerly. 32 acres of new land has been stumped on the east bank of the Ngambe and was put under cultivation for the first time this last season. 100 acres directly south of the campus has been ploughed in preparation for the next season. 75 acres of this field has had a second plowing, and the entire field will be in good condition for the 1940-1941 crop.

The fields for married students and mission workers have been cultivated on the same plan as formerly, and the same crop rotation plan has been followed.

In the Mission fields, 23 acres were planted to sun hemp 15 acres to velvet beans, 36 acres to white beans, and 45 acres to Nyemba. With 132 acres of additional land brought under

cultivation, and lands which were planted to sunhemp and beans last year available for maize this year, and if favoured with a good season, the 1941 yield should be far greater than this year's.

Fairfield Girls' School

Miss Quinton writes of Fairfield as follows;

The girls are coming to appreciate more and more and to understand that at Fairfield they have a fine opportunity to acquire that which will equip them for the life they will lead as home makers. In addition to the regulation courses prescribed by the Department, Standards Four, Five and Six are having an intensive course in Hygiene, Home Nursing, and First Aid in connection with the Junior Red Cross. The girls are very keen and their examiner, a former instructor of Nurses in London and Rhodesia, said she would consider eight of the twenty, as having completed a Probationers Course as nurses.

"Misses Nancy Ngonyama and Harriet Mandikutsi, both of whom have already full schedules, have efficiently led the two Wayfarer detachments with little European help. The Wayfarers have given freely of their time to the making of quilts to be sold for war funds. The opportunity to help in this cause has met with response from the girls beyond their resources.

Evangelism

Through all the busy days with the multiplicity of duties our workers for the most part have kept ever in mind the paramount object of all our endeavour, the making of Christ known as the Light of the world. Our Camp meetings, were held just before the last Conference and were reported at the Conference eight months ago. The outstanding evangelistic effort since last Conference was the Easter Meetings, which have already been referred to in this report. During the month of June five Quarterly Meetings were held, and at these meetings, 208 were received as members of the Church. The Rukwadzano rhwe Wadzimayi, continue to be actively engaged in the work of evangelism in every Circuit, and are accomplishing much good. Missionary Societies are being organized in nearly every church in the District. One of the Theological Students went up into the Mt. Darwin Country last vacation on Missionary tour, and brought back a most interesting and informing report.

Eleven students are now just half way through the three year course in the Theological School. They did nearly all the preaching at the Easter meetings, and are booked to do

most of the preaching in three camp meetings in September and October. It has indeed been a great joy to work with these young men both in the class room and in the practical side of their training.

Recommendations

First among the recommendations and needs of the District is the one which has been before us every year since I have been in this Conference. More trained workers, especially Pastor-Teachers. We are not discouraged by the slow progress being made in raising the standard of education, but the qualifications of our teachers is deplorably low. Of the 47 teachers employed in the aided schools of the Old Umtali District, 28 are only Std. IV, four are E. T. C. men, 8 are Std. VI, 7 are Std. V.

There are many other needs, but to mention just one other, the establishing of three new Boarding Schools in the District, one at Nyakatsapa, one at Gandanzara, and one at Rukweza in the Chiduku Circuit. This would give opportunity to many boys and girls to continue in school beyond Standard III, who cannot get into the Boarding schools at the mission centers, which are already very much over crowded.

Conclusion

The task of the Christian Church is not complete. There is still much darkness of ignorance, superstition and sin, but we thank God that so many who "walked in darkness have seen the great light." May we all, missionaries and African workers, together press forward in the great task of evangelism, with courage and faith in Him who has called us into His service.

REPORT OF THE UMTALI DISTRICT

E. L. Sells, *Superintendent*

Bishop Springer and Fellow-Workers:

This report is not only an attempt to give a word picture of the work of the Umtali District, but to evaluate our aims and achievements as revealed through that work.

Edwin Markham has beautifully stated the position of civilization and the utter folly of attaching ourselves to material things:

"We are all blind until we see
That in the human plan
Nothing is worth the making if
It does not make the man.
"Why build these cities glorious
If man unbuilded goes?
In vain we build the work unless
The builder also grows."

As Christians we have always accepted this viewpoint, but have not fully realized it because of the pressure placed upon us by the material things about us. At times we have thought too much of money and equipment, and have measured our work in these terms. In fact, we have given more than a major share of our time to these things. I am not certain but what our hearts have been chilled and become cold in our attempt to warm the hearts of others by administering material things and forgetting that these are valueless unless we have made the man.

No doubt the greatest achievement of this Conference year has been the ability and health to carry on the routine work of preaching the Gospel, teaching the children, and maintaining a strong faith in God. We realize that the routine work may become a matter of mechanical operation without the warmth of heart and the yearning of the spirit.

We desire to thank all the missionaries, ministers, teachers, local preachers and volunteer workers within the District for their fine cooperation throughout the year. Rev. Thomas Marange has found increased joy in going back to his own people in the Maranke Circuit, where Baba Greeley brought him to Christ as a boy. The Rev. Benjamin Katsidzira has served well in Zimunya Circuit, where he is just completing his first year. Zimunya is a very difficult circuit in many ways, but it is being well cared for by its minister. Rev. Titus Maranke in his efficient and brotherly way is serving the Umtali Native Church. He has carried well the burdens that have fallen upon all in connection with the erecting of the new church building. Miss Parmenter relieved Miss Rosa Rydell for three months at Mutambara Mission during her mid-term in Durban. We were most fortunate to have Miss Lois Jessop to take over the Hostel, and to assist with the Scripture classes in the European schools during that time and up to the time of Conference. Mrs. Sells has taken an active part in the Rukwadzano rhwe Wadzimai work of the District, attending their meetings, receiving new members into the organization, and presenting badges.

We remember with gratitude the work of the Rukwadzano rhwe Wadzimayi who are loyal to the local churches to which they belong. They assist in bringing women and girls to an experience of Christ, and are very active in helping to maintain the self-support of the churches. At the Quarterly Meetings throughout this year, the service, as adopted by the last Annual Conference, for the reception of new members has been carried out. The women are coming to feel that they have an important place to fill in the life of the church. All their activities cannot be seen by the church as a whole, but they are daily ministering to the needs of those within their own communities. The sick are visited and helped, and the wayward and sinful are brought back to Christ. It is surprising how many men are being converted through the Rukwadzano meetings.

Umtali

In Umtali during this Conference year we have seen many signs of new spiritual life, and many expressions of the devotions of the church people. In our European work the interest and loyalty of the people are most inspiring. This past Conference year has witnessed a response that is unparalleled in the history of our European work in Umtali. The services have been well attended, and on many occasions the regular services found the church filled to capacity. The average attendance has doubled during the past year. The spirit of our services is wonderful. The devotion and reverence, the singing and worship are all inspiring. This response and increased interest has reflected itself in many ways. The Ladies' League and Young People's Guild have increased both in numbers and in interest. The united Fellowship Meetings on Wednesday evenings with the Presbyterian Church have continued throughout the year and have provided an opportunity for real fellowship. The Ladies' League contributed more than £80 for the repair and redecorating of the church building. The meetings of the Young People's Guild are held every two weeks, providing opportunities for devotion and wholesome recreation, and developing an interest in Christian things. The young people have been most loyal to our church services, and are always ready to undertake anything that needs to be done. As a result of special donations we have just now secured the new edition of Methodist Hymn Book. These books have long been needed and are greatly appreciated by the congregation. The Sunday School is well attended and at times the accommodation is limited. We have had to postpone the erection of the Sunday School Hall, and hope that when conditions improve we may be able to resume securing

funds for the erection of the same. The revenue of the Church has also reflected this increased interest. We have contact with 124 children through the Scripture classes in the Government schools. The spirit of cooperation in the Official Board throughout the year has been most marked and appreciated. Ten children have been baptized, and ten new members have been received. A new membership class will be ready to be received next month.

The work of our Indian missionary has continued with about the same interest and response as reported last year. To a great extent the present condition demands routine work, and this has been carried on very faithfully by the Rev. P. B. Christian. Sunday School and weekly prayer services have been conducted in the plots for the Coloured people. Scripture and language classes have been taught in the school. One Indian family and several Coloured people have recently asked to be baptized. Among the Indians the work is very slow and difficult, and the response at times is not what should be expected. As to the future response in this work it is difficult to make any prediction, in the same way as it is difficult to evaluate what has already been accomplished. Mrs. Christian in a devoted way has continued her work with the women.

Native Church

In regard to the Native Church, this has been a very trying and difficult year in that we have erected, in the face of unfavorable conditions, the new church building. The building is not yet complete, but the roof is now on the main section. Funds have been limited and prices have increased over and above the estimates, so that it has been difficult to meet the expenditures. However, every economy has been used and the local church has responded in a very fine way to the appeal for contributions. The laying of the foundation stone in February was an occasion that will long be remembered by the Umtali Church. We were highly favored by having present the Government and City Officials. We are asking that the report of the Foundation Stone Laying, as given by the "Umtali Advertiser," be printed in the Minutes. We convey to Mr. W. B. West our appreciation for the excellent supervision he has given to the construction of the building. During Easter week evangelistic services were held in the Native Recreation Hall. The Native Welfare Society was most kind in giving us without charge the use of the hall. Two services were held daily, and the congregations were very large. Many were brought back to Christ, and others for the first time experienced His love.

We must not forget to mention the Rukwadzano rhwe Wadzimayi in Umtali who have been so loyal to the work and who have raised funds to pay for one of the gates at the new church site and a large window in the church. They have often held their meetings on the new church site, even though the building was incomplete, and have prayed for the completion of the work.

Native Girls' Hostel

The work of the Native Girls' Hostel has increased in importance in that there are a larger number of girls in Umtali who look to the Hostel for guidance and to provide for them a place of normal social life and spiritual inspiration. The influence of the Hostel on transients who are going through town continues to be carried into distant places. Just as it is impossible to record in any way the influence exerted by an individual or church, so it is with that of the Hostel. Our entire Conference should be grateful for the place that the Hostel has come to have in the thinking and lives of our people. It is an important part of the entire body.

Educational

The educational work of the District as such is very encouraging. Our teachers have been very devoted to their work. The enrollment within the schools has become so large in most places that it is almost impossible to cope with the numbers, having such a limited staff. However the teachers are struggling on nobly, trying in many instances to teach twice as many children as should be handled by one teacher. The practical side of the school work, as carried on through the industrial and agriculture, has greatly improved. No doubt this greater interest is developing and improving the normal life of the village.

Observations

Along with the rest of the world our Conference can well afford to reconsider and re-evaluate our policies, aims and achievements. In the past we have sought to build up an efficient organization, and in doing so have no doubt sacrificed spiritual values. This is at present working against our advancement. We will no doubt have to be prepared in the future to make certain departures from old established ways if we are to carry out our aim and fulfil the mission as entrusted to us by the church.

1. The supply of pastor-teachers is almost becoming negligible as compared with our needs. Year by year we are forced to take workers from other missions in order to

staff our churches and schools. In doing so we must remember that we do not receive the best from other missions, but we receive only those that they will not employ. We have sufficient equipment and staff at Hartzell Training School to train these leaders, but with the present number in training we cannot even expect to have a supply of teachers for maintaining our boarding schools. The 115 schools will finally come to the place where it is impossible to retain teaching work, in that there will be no teachers. This is a weakness of the entire Conference. There is a real spiritual lack in that young African men and women do not feel the call to serve God, and are becoming enchanted by material things. We must return quickly to an understanding and devotion that will cause these young people to want to give their lives in the same way that the older men and women have done during the past years.

2. We have been praying for many years for the ripening of the harvest fields and the opening of hearts that the people may desire the Gospel, but we are not going very far beyond our own established preaching places. Of course, some say it is because we do not have the money. It is not a matter of funds, it is matter of spiritual devotion, vision and urge. The Gospel can be carried just as efficiently and effectively by lay voluntary workers. We need not look beyond our borders. The multitudes are within the section where we work, - untouched, hungry people, wanting to know God. There is a lack of spiritual vision and energy within our local churches. We should at least re examine this vital phase of our work.

3. Mr. W. W. Reid who visited our work last year, in making his report indicated a weakness of which we are all aware. He contended that our Missions were working to a great extent independently of the Conference, and that we lacked a Conference program. We must become Conference minded so that we may be loyal to the whole rather than to the individual Mission or District. This is reflected in our lack of cooperation in educational work, in our failure to be sympathetic in developments other than our own, and in a lack of spiritual fellowship.

4. Our educational work is greatly improving in efficiency in spite of all our handicaps. The organization is better, the teachers are more school-minded, and the practical industrial and agricultural phase of educational work is greatly improving. Our school gardens in Umtali District as a whole have yielded excellent crops this year. In fact, our

teachers have become so educationally minded that it is difficult at the Quarterly Conference to keep the same from becoming an educational institute. We must become just as efficient and spiritually minded in the evangelistic work of the church. Why build these institutions if we fail to build our pupils and people?

5. There is no doubt a weakness and overlapping of efforts caused by our present circuit organization. We need to restore the influence and position of the pastor-teacher. He played a very important part in the early life of our Mission, but has now become merely an assistant helper. This has undermined his authority in the local church, and consequently has affected his evangelistic fervor. In the work at present, the minister is both a superintendent and the pastor of each local church within his circuit. He neither has time to supervise nor to do the detail work of each separate organization. Consequently certain of the volunteer workers, as stewards, class leaders and local preachers, look to the minister as the leader and ignore the leadership of the pastor-teacher. There should be some way of increasing either the scope of the work of the minister, and thus restoring the position of the pastor-teacher, or localizing the work of the minister to include that of the pastor-teacher. To many within the Conference this seems rather insignificant, but on the other hand, it is no doubt responsible for the lack of evangelistic fervor, the small increase in membership, and the difficulties in securing self-support.

6. The method of administering finances within the Conference remains unsatisfactory and creates a situation in which it is almost impossible to make any further advance in self support. With the present arrangement the District Superintendent is the Treasurer of his District. He is responsible for the total support of all preachers and teachers within the bounds of the District. It should be possible to find a better arrangement whereby the Africans accept the responsibility for the administering of support.

My report may not be as glowing as district reports usually sound, but we must face these facts. We cannot escape them. It is hoped that this Conference will with calmness and seriousness give time and thought to these demanding spiritual and organizational problems. We must put aside our own desires and ambitions and seek for a revelation of God's will, and for an outpouring of His Holy Spirit. The Divine resources are inexhaustible - ours are very limited. May God grant that we tap these Divine resources for our own spiritual lives, so that when we go

back to our work we may see our work as Jesus Himself would see it, and with hearts overflowing with love set about our work in such a way that the Lord Jesus may reach others and transform their lives. This is beautifully expressed by Bishop Badley:

"Lord, when I am weary with toiling,
And burdensome seem Thy commands,
If my load should lead to complainig,
Lord, show me Thy Hands -
Thy nail-pierced Hands,
Thy cross-torn Hands -
My Savior, show me Thy Hands.

"Christ, if ever my footsteps should falter,
And I be prepared to retreat,
If desert or thorn cause lamenting,
Lord, show me Thy Feet -
Thy bleeding Feet, Thy nail-scarred Feet -
My Jesus, show me Thy Feet.
O God, dare I show Thee
My hands and my feet?"

Note— The following nomenclature has been used in the above reports :

Mission - Where resident Missionaries are working.
Station - Where a church and school are being carried on together by a Pastor - Teacher.
Rukwadzano rwe Wadzimai - The Conference organization of the church Women. (Fellowship of women)
Wabvuwi - Fishermen of Men.

(b). REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES AND BOARDS

Board of Education

We recommend that :-

- 1 The Committee which drew up the Primary School Schemes be asked to reconsider the Schemes to make them meet the requirements of the 1940 Junior School Syllabus.

2. Each Mission separately discuss text books, and each appoint one of its number to a joint text book committee of which Mr. Gates is to act as chairman.
3. Adaptation from print writing to cursive writing be started from Std. 1 instead of from Std. 3.
4. A committee consisting of M. J. Murphree, H. I. James, G. A. Roberts, H. E. Taylor, J. Chitombo and Thomas Marange be approved to work on a uniform application form for entrance into our Missions.
5. E. L. Sells, H. E. Taylor, J. Pfaff, J. Nduna and Jonathan Marange be a committee to draft a School Calendar for our Central and Village Schools.
6. The North and South sections of our Conference each hold one Teachers' Institute every year.
7. A Student Loan Fund be established, an offering for this Fund be taken at the Annual Sunday School Day, and that a committee consisting of R. C. Gates, Miss Jessie Pfaff, R. Ngonyama, J. Chimbadzwa and J. Nduna be named to suggest the rules governing the use of the Fund. This committee to report its recommendations to our next Conference.

J. G. Nduna—Secretary.

Historical Committee

It is of special interest that this session of the Conference should be held at Mrewa. Our work first began in this section of Rhodesia in 1909 when Dr. Gurney went to Kanyasa, later to Marumisa, and finally opened the work on the present site. A few years after the work was opened here, Dr. Gurney arranged a meeting of the people for Bishop Hartzell. Large quantities of meat and sadza were provided for the people. When the day arrived for the meeting and the feast, only a few natives appeared. When trying to find out why they did not come, Dr. Gurney was told that the witch doctors had informed the people that medicine had been placed in the meat, and that if they ate they would cease to worship the spirits and many troubles would follow. Today we see what the labours of these many years have brought forth. This beautiful church is a fitting memorial to Mr Howard and all who have laboured here.

We request Old Umtali Mission to provide a room or cases for housing a Historical Museum and ask that Rev. Josiah Chimbadzwa be given charge of the same. It is hoped that the entire Conference will contribute articles for this new museum.

As a historical project for this coming Conference year, we have set aside the writing of a history of Mt. Makomwe and the development in Marange. We are grateful to Mrs. E. Hughes who has recently sent correspondence concerning the opening and the development of the work at Mt. Makomwe. We invite the entire Conference to provide material for the writing of this history.

The records, pictures, and materials in the Historical trunk have been supplemented throughout the past year. These need to be assembled and classified.

E. L. Sells—Secretary.

Committee on Hospitals and Medical Work

It is recommended that consideration be given to the establishment of a credited nurses' training school at one mission instead of attempting to train nurses at the different missions as is now being done. In the event of a doctor joining this Conference, this training school would be located at the Mission at which he would be stationed.

Alice Whitney - Secretary.

The Committee on Interdenominational Relations

We are very happy to welcome to this Conference the Rev. A. W. Heath as a fraternal delegate from the Rhodesia Synod of the Methodist Church. His presence with us is symbolic of the common Methodist heritage and witness that draws us together. In the early days of work in Rhodesia we were highly favored by having with us at the time of our Conferences the late Rev. John White.

We request this Conference to elect a European and an African delegate to attend the next session of the the Synod of the Methodist Church.

It is highly desirable that the two churches work in closer cooperation with each other, and we request this Conference to elect three members who will constitute a committee and be authorized to work with a similar committee, if appointed by the Synod, for the purpose of working out ways and means for closer cooperation with each other. It will be desirable that this committee report at the next session of the Conference.

We request that closer cooperation be sought in our European work and that cooperation be instituted incon-

nection with our Indian work. We desire to make our Indian missionary available, if desired, for work in Salisbury and Bulawayo.

We request that the national designations, "English" and "American" now unofficially in use to designate the two branches of The Methodist Church working in Southern Rhodesia be discontinued, and that the Conference be urged to discourage the use of the same among our people. We request that we refer to each other as sister Methodist Churches and by the official name of the Local Synod or Conference Organization.

E. L. Sells - Secretary

Report of the Committee on Resolutions

The Rhodesia Annual Conference welcomes Bishop and Mrs. Springer to our Conference, and thank God for His care over them on their journey to the General Conference and their return to us again this year. We also welcome Mr. Robert Peace as the Bishop's Secretary, and wish him happiness and success as he begins his service in Africa.

It is with deep gratitude to God that we welcome Mr. Per Hassing to our Conference. He has already proved himself a fine missionary. We wish for him many years of happy service here in Rhodesia.

Miss Emily Loze joined the mission group in January. We are thankful for her coming and hopeful that her association with our work will be long and happy.

Mr. and Mrs. Huie will be returning to America before another Conference. It has been a joy to have them working with us and we trust that their long-cherished dream of being missionaries to Africa may be speedily fulfilled.

Miss Lois Jessop's returning home in a few months will leave a gap in our ranks which cannot easily be filled. Her conscientious devotion has been a real inspiration. We are grateful for the time she has spent with us and hope that in due time she will return to us as a fullfledged missionary.

We wish to express our appreciation to Mr. W. B. West who has given his service in the construction of the Umtali Native Church. This fine service has been given without remuneration, except for such expenses as were entailed in the work. The church is a substantial, beautiful structure.

For the second time in the history of the Rhodesia Conference we have met at Mrewa Mission. The new

church in which we have met is an outstanding achievement in architecture, beauty, and workmanship. The Conference rejoices with Mr. and Mrs. James and the Mrewa Church in the fulfillment of this long-felt need.

The Conference wishes to place on record an expression of gratitude to Mr. D. Van der Merwe for his contribution to the new church at Mrewa in the transporting of materials used in its construction. Through the years the loyalty and friendship of this Christian family have been a constant joy and inspiration to our Mission.

Our stay here has been a real joy, and the hospitality unsurpassed. Every need has been supplied, and we register our sincere thanks to Mr. and Mrs. James, Miss Ellener, and the faithful native staff, also to the friends and neighbours at Mrewa who have shared the responsibility with the Mission.

We extend our hearty thanks to God for His guiding hand in bringing back safely the Rev. and Mrs. H. E. Taylor and Rev. W. Bourgaize to their work. We wish them good, success as they start their new term of service.

The Committee on Sunday Schools

We urge that school children attend Sunday services and suggest that those who are urgently needed at home for herding or watching gardens so that their parents can attend come early on Sunday morning for a special Sunday School.

Owing to the special need for economy in the use of paper, and finding that there are enough old quarterlies at the Mission Press for the first quarter in 1941, we suggest that these be used for that quarter.

We recommend that there be one set of papers for all ages.

Grace Clark - Secretary.

Committee on the State of the Church

1. We recommend that we employ teachers who have an inward call for the teaching and preaching work in our Mission.
2. We recommend that the ministers' and teachers' houses should be built well at all of our Missions, as suggested by the Native Christian Convention.
3. We recommend that meetings be held during Passion Week in all our churches. We request the Committee on Publication to order the booklets, "His Last Week."

Our need for more literature in the Vernacular, especially books on the Christian life, is urgent and great. Therefore, we recommend that the Bishop appoint a missionary to give full time, or as much time as possible, to translation. Also, we recommend that the Committee on Publication be requested to publish the same.

4. We recommend that pastor-teachers who have proved themselves true servants of the Church for many years be encouraged to take the Conference course of study for Local Preachers and be ordained as Local Preachers.

Kenneth Marange - Secretary.

Commission on Worship and Music

Perhaps no other people in the world voice their feelings in singing so naturally as our Africans of Rhodesia. Our Christian hymns should be an expression of our faith in God, and of our love, honour and praise for Him. These hymns should lead us to Him. With the desire that our Church services be made more worshipful, we urge that:

1. Pastors and choir conductors see that suitable songs be sung by their Church choirs, and that more emphasis be placed upon the choir as a guide to congregational singing.
2. Choirs in Missions make it a practice to limit English selections to one each Sunday. At all services should the choir avoid the appearance of staging a concert.
3. Choirs should make it their practice to sing Chimanyika rather than English anthems which are often meaningless to the people. (Make use of and **keep** the Chimanyika songs which are printed on the Sunday School quarterlies. Music copies of other songs may, also, be obtained by asking for them.)
4. Children's choirs be formed to occasionally take the place of the regular Church choirs. These choirs should sing children's songs and parts, rather than try to imitate the adults.
5. New songs be taught to Church congregations. The Choir can assist by learning and singing these a few times before the congregation attempts to sing them.
6. All items for concerts in our village schools and churches be submitted to the minister in charge before time of concert.

Amos Kapenzi—Secretary.

The Committee on Auditing

We have audited the accounts of the Conference Treasurer and found them to be correct and in order.

Signed - J. Nduna
 B. Katsidzira
 J. T. Chitombo
 S. Chieza
 R. C. Gates

(c) SPECIAL COMMITTEES

COMMITTEE ON STATISTICAL FORMS

1. We recommend that a request be sent to the Provisional Central Conference asking that, if possible, a uniform statistical form be worked out that shall be suitable to all our Conferences of this Central Provisional Central Conference.
2. We recommend that the statistics to be reported at the 1941 Annual Conference be for the period from July 31, 1940, to July 31, 1941, and that hereafter statistics be based upon the above year.

R. C. Gates—Secretary.

(d) CONFERENCE STATISTICIAN

See report following the last page.

(e) CONFERENCE TREASURER

Funds received during the Conference Year

Native Helpers Savings	128	14	2
General Conference Expenses		5	0
Conference Claimants (from Churches)	18	10	10
Central Conference Expenses	2	0	6
	149	10	6

Funds expended during the Conference Year

Purchase of Govt. Loan Certificates	160	0	0
Native Helpers Savings returned	62	12	9
	222	12	9

Conference Assets

Invested in Loan Certificates	1363	0	6
Interest accrued on Savings of N. Helpers	165	17	7½

	1528	18	1½
<i>Conference Liabilities</i>			
Central Conference Funds	2	0	6
Accepted Supply Pastors' Relief Fund	18	16	10
Conference Claimants Funds	614	7	8½
Home Missions Funds		1	6
Caffray Evangelistic Funds	3	11	6
Native Helpers Savings	824	0	1
General Conference Expenses	3	0	0
	£1528	18	1½

In addition to the above assets held within the Conference there is to the credit of this Conference with the Board of Pensions and Relief in the U. S. A. reserve Fund which on May 15, 1935 amounted to, \$258.17 earning 3¾%.

Treasurer—H. I. James.

(f) OTHER TREASURERS

The African Missionary Society Treasurer's Report

Funds on hand	112	1	4½
Received this year	50	2	2½
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This sum is invested in Postal Savings	£162	3	7

(g) MISCELLANEOUS

The 12th African Christian Convention of The Methodist Church, held at Choruwa in Mrewa District, July 17th to 19th, 1940, recommends the following:

1. We thank our Annual Conference for the Committee which was established at Old Umtali to help in the governing of the Mission, to avoid strike. We humbly request that this same committee be established in all our Boarding and village schools.

2. This conference of the African Christian Convention urges the idea of holding meetings during the Passion Week in every section of our work. Therefore, we humbly ask the Committee on Publication to order the booklets, "His Last Week" to be a guide.

3. As the shortage of qualified teachers (E. T. C. and J. C.) in the teaching profession is greatly felt in our church, and

we deplore the fact that many of them after completing their time of contract with the Mission drop out for other employment. This conference of the Christian Convention recommends that if the present scale of salary is altered so as to meet the needs of the teachers concerned, this would draw the interest of our young people to teaching work.

4. This conference of African Christians feels a hunger for spiritual vernacular books, such as "Umbowo hwe Ukristu," "Nzira ye Upswene," and others. We humbly ask the Annual Conference to release one Missionary from other engagements for this particular work.

The following are the officers of the African Christian Convention:

President—Rev. S. S. Chieza
Vice-President—Rev. Jonah Machiri
Secretary—A. R. K. Marange
Vice-Secretary—Rev. Silas Kasambira
Treasurer—Rev. J. G. Nduna
Other Members—Jonah Mukonorwi
Esau Muringapi.

The African Missionary Society of The Methodist Church, Southern Rhodesia.

Among the Christian communities of our Church in Southern Rhodesia the spirit of the African missionary evangelistic work to the heathen people has quietly worked and touched many sympathetic men and women who have given to its support.

It is with pleasure that we state that the Lord Jesus is making His followers see the spiritual need of their fellow creatures who are unfortunate and are living a life of darkness under the control of sin and the devil.

More than a few of our circuits felt the call and responded, and have gladly contributed as the Spirit led them with the understanding of the aims of this organization. At this stage of its infancy may God bless its working and its expected efforts in preaching the love of Jesus to the unsaved Africans.

Looking at the contributions made during the Conference year, we cannot remain ungrateful for what has been done by the Christian bodies at our centers and their neighbouring circuits. We pray for the continuance of this missionary spirit and the increasing spirit of giving in all the contributions of the church.

The money now in hand invested in the Post Office Savings Bank amounts to £162—3—7.

Last year our Society made a recommendation that a group of men be sent to Rusambo District for the purpose of studying conditions, needs for the people, and the country in general. Early in May this year three men volunteered to take up this evangelistic tour, and their report states that after the reading of Bishop's letter the Native Commissioner of Mt. Darwin District and Dotito the paramount African Chief were both pleased and accepted our request, and promised to give us the first chance if we attempted at once to work in that district. The Native Commissioner instructed our delegates to see the Bishop at once to make an application which he, the Native Commissioner, will assist to make things clear to the Government for us.

Owing to that urgent plea and kind promise made by Chief Dotito and the Native Commissioner, the members of the African Missionary Society at large feel that although the fund is still small to start the work of God by preaching and teaching in Mt. Darwin District, they propose that it is time to make a small beginning with the funds already in hand. Therefore, this African Missionary Society humbly asks the Bishop to communicate with the Native Commissioner of Mt. Darwin for the opening of a Mission station at Chief Dotito's kraal, Kandeya Reserve.

Officers :—

*Chairman—J. Chimbadzwa
Secretary—J. Nduna
Treasurer—A. Kapenzi.*

The African Tribute to the Reverend H. I James.

The circumstances have compelled us to express in written thoughts our deepest sincere gratitude to the Principal, Reverend H. I. James, the District Superintendent of Mrewa District, on the work he did to reconstruct Mrewa Mission Church. It was with enthusiasm when the Reverend Mr. James spoke to us in several quarterly and special meetings about extending the Mrewa Mission Church. But, as the walls were pulled to the last stone of foundation with the exception of the tower, we were filled with the amazement of despair, with views of expecting to see an European mason with a gang of natives to construct the Mrewa Mission Church. But, alas, we were wrong, the Principal, Mr. James, with his hands by the help of the African builders toiled with very little or no time to spare for lunch and afternoon tea, layed stone upon stone until the walls were seen above heads once more.

At this stage our amazement was little relieved.

We were again encountered with doubts of how the arches were to be constructed and who was going to construct them. Mr. James' hands found to be a favourable and well-known job, while he was full to capacity with the building construction, he would steal away to supervise the whole Mission, especisllly at the back of his house where a hand machine was at work producing tile after tile.

This to us brought astonishment in its first days at work These windows you see, there is not a bit of work done without the fingers of Mr. James being applied. Mrs. James many a time applied ointment to the cracked hands of Mr. James.

The Reverend Mr. James is known to us by the following names.

Matuku and Nzunzu.

The former means: A man who does not mind how heavy the work may be or how difficult a thing may be, he manages successsfully.

The latter means: A man who works by means of trotting.

Doctor Aggrey said, "Africa, My Africa—Africa needs stronger missionaries than those who are sent to India." So we shall not be far wrong to say that the Reverend Mr. James is the right and stronger missionary for Africa.

To you, Reverend and Mrs. James, we have no words in pen and ink to express our thanks, but we say, fear not, we Africans seem to be unsensible sheep and yet we sell well at the market if well looked after and guided in the right way of Godliness and civilization. This durable work on this Church being done by your own hands is a great credit to us and our children's children. We are proud of this church which we believe is second to none in the Colony.

From the profound Africa heart felt we say MAZWIITA UA JAMES. But we still have a big confidence in you and we look forward to see you put up a school block and improve the housing in our village.

May God bless Reverend and Mrs. James abundantly.

Yours obedient servants,

Matthew H. D. Magorimbo

Kenneth Choto

Elia Kuture

Shadrech Nyemba.

Part VII

MEMOIRS

Cecilia and Esther Tsododo.

It is with sorrow that we report the deaths of Esther and Cecilia Tsododo. Both girls had their early training at Mutambara Mission. Cecilia then came to Old Umtali for further training, after which she taught at Mutambara for a few years. She suffered with consumption, and was taken to the Umtali hospital for treatment. The treatment was not successful, and she died at her home at Mutambara a few months later. Before she passed away she told her people that she was going to meet her sister who had gone home before. Her sister, Esther, had died at Nyadiri Mission in May. After finishing her school at Mutambara, Esther had trained as a nurse at Nyadiri. Esther will long be remembered for her good and faithful work at Nyadiri, where she was loved by everybody. She was a happy Christian nurse. To the Tsododo family we express our sincere sympathy in their double loss.

Towndie Mhlanga.

Towndie Mhlanga was trained at Mt. Silinda Mission; where he passed Std. 5. He taught at Shinja Station in the Mutambara District for two years. Following this he taught in the Umtali District at Chirinda Station. Early in this year he became ill and died in the Umtali Hospital. He was humble, loyal to his work, and loved by all. He gave all the strength that he had to the people that he loved and served.

Bishop Eben S. Johnson.

It is with sincere sorrow that we must at this time place on record the passing of Bishop Eben S. Johnson, who for twenty years served the Church in this country. Like many another youth, he too had his early dreams, one of which was that he might sometimes serve his Master in the Mission field. As a young man, standing at the grave of David Livingstone in Westminster Abbey, this dream became a prayer. Some years later he left his native England, and went to serve the Church in America. For many years he held pastorates in the Methodist Church, and it seemed that he might never realize his dream to come to Africa. But at the General Conference of 1916, he was called to serve as Bishop of the Methodist Episcopal Church in Africa,

He brought to this high office a keen knowledge of the Church and a natural dignity and poise, which admirably fitted him for this work. Bishop Johnson was a man of deep Christian faith, which showed in integrity of character, high ideals, and in his worldwide witnessing for the Lord Jesus Christ. He was an eloquent preacher, a creative leader, and an able administrator. He had peculiar genius as a parliamentarian and presiding officer in both Annual and General Conferences. To his encouragement and directive force in the development of a native African ministry our Rhodesia Church is greatly indebted. He was an unwavering advocate of social justice for the African people. Kindness, sympathy, and loyalty characterized him and neither he nor Mrs. Johnson was ever too busy to show hospitality and courtesies to the missionaries as they came and went through Cape Town.

After his retirement in 1936 he selected a quiet and beautiful spot in Willamette, Oregon, where he made his home until his death in December, 1939. To Mrs. Johnson and family we extend our sincere sympathy.

J. Chimbadzwa—Secretary.



Part VIII.

ROLL OF THE DEAD

"Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord."

(a) Members of Conference

	Place of Birth	Entered Conf.	Years of Missionary Service	Died	Age	Place of Burial
Buchwalter, Abraham L.	Fertility, Penn.	1899	26	Aug. 3, 1917	52	Monrovia, Cal.
Gurney, Samuel	Long Branch, N. J.	1887	21	Aug. 3, 1924	64	Salisbury, S. R.
Howard, Herbert N.	Harrisburg, Penn.	1907	11	Mar. 7, 1925	55	Canandaigua, N. Y.
Greeley, Eddy H.	Owatonna, Minn.	1907	50	April 8, 1938	80	Old Umtali S. R.

(b) Widows of Deceased Members; None

Wives of Members:

Naomi Mparutsa, Wife of Moses Mparutsa, died February 12th, 1933.
 Emma Katsidzira, Wife of Murashwa Katsidzira, died May 3rd, 1933.
 Emily Faku, Wife of Clifford Faku, died March 1, 1934.

(c) Other Workers;

Miss Sadie Rexrode, W. F. M. S., age 38, died January 22, 1921, after three years service in S. Rhodesia; buried at Old Umtali.

Mr. Charles F. Taylor, age 67, missionary to China, died in the Umtali Hospital, August 14, 1927, and was buried at Old Umtali.

Miss E. E. Bjorklund, age 63, Died November 19th, 1930. Her missionary service extended over a period of thirty-five years. She served in China and Japan from 1894 to 1900, in East Africa at Inhambane 1909 to 1915 and in Rhodesia at Old Umtali 1915 to 1929. Buried at Old Umtali.

Miss Mildred O. Benson, age 42, died July 12th, 1937, a missionary of the W.F.M.S. She served in S. Rhodesia at Old Umtali, 1926-1937. Buried at Old Umtali.

Part IX

HISTORICAL

(a) Conference Sermons

<i>Year</i>	<i>Preached by</i>	<i>Where</i>
1916	H. I. James	Old Umtali Church
1919	H. N. Howard	St. Andrew's Church
1921	M. J. Murphree	Old Umtali Church
1922	Samuel Gurney	Old Umtali Church
1923	H. I. James	Old Umtali Church
1924	Wilfred Bourgaize	Old Umtali Church
1929	E. L. Sells	Old Umtali Church
1931	Wilfred Bourgaize	Howard Memorial Church
1932	J. Chimbazwa	Old Umtali Church

(b) Former Members and Probationers

R. E. Beetham	1901-1905	Tizore Nevass	1907-1913
J. L. DeWitt	1901-1905	H. N. Howard	1909-1924
E. H. Richards	1901-1913	P. W. Keys	1909-1915
M. W. Ehnes	1901-1905	F. Conquer	1909-1912
J. M. Springer	1901-1910; 1921-1924	C. H. Runfeldt	1909-1910
R. Wodehouse	1901-1910	Muti Sikobele	1909-1913
F. D. Wolf	1901-1907	C. A. Kent	1913-1916
Samuel Gurney	1902-1905; 1909-1924	J. D. Pointer	1912-1915
J. A. Baldwin	1903-1905	J. G. Brass	1921-1923
J. H. Dimmit	1903-1905	L. E. Tull	1921-1928
D. A. Carson	1908-1903	F. G. Mauger	1923-1932
A. L. Buchwalter	1905-1917	R. F. Wagner	1925-1934
J. E. Ferris	1905-1911	J. R. Gates	1907-1936
S. D. Coffin	1905-1913	Murashwa Katsidzira	1930-1936
W. C. Terrill	1907-1911	Maxin Mutambanengwe	1932-1936
G. A. Stockdale	1907-1913	E. H. Greeley	1907-1938
		M. E. Persons	1937-1939

(c) Conference Sessions

EAST CENTRAL AFRICA MISSION CONFERENCE

TIME	PLACE	BISHOP	SECRETARY
1901, Nov. 16	{ Umtali and Old Umtali	Hartzell	Springer
1903, Sept. 29.	Umtali	Hartzell	Beetham
1905, May 26	Umtali	Hartzell	Ferris
1907, Mar. 13	Umtali	Hartzell, Burt	Ferris
1907, Nov. 22	Umtali	Hartzell	Ferris
1909, July, 10	Umtali	Hartzell	Greeley
1910, Aug. 17	Umtali	Hartzell	Greeley
1911, June 7	Umtali	Hartzell, Wilson	Gurney
1912, Feb. 17	Old Umtali	(Rev. J. R. Gates)	O'Farrell
1913, Oct. 22	Old Umtali	Hartzell	Greeley

RHODESIA MISSION CONFERENCE

1915, Jan. 20	Old Umtali	Hartzell	Greeley
1916, Feb. 16	Old Umtali	(Rev. J. R. Gates)	Greeley

1917,	May	3	...	Old Umtali	...	...Johnson	...	...	...Greeley
1917,	Dec.	7	...	Old Umtali	...	...Johnson	...	...	...J. R. Gates
1919,	Apr.	4	...	Umtali	...	...Johnson	...	...	...Gurney
1921,	June	13	...	Old Umtali	...	...Johnson	...	...	...James
1922,	June	14	...	Old Umtali	...	...Johnson	...	...	...James
1923,	June	19	...	Old Umtali	...	...Johnson	...	...	...James
1924,	Aug.	13	...	Old Umtali	...	...Shepard	...	...	...James
1925,	June	23	...	Old Umtali	...	...Johnson	...	...	...James
1926,	Nov.	4	...	Nyadiri	...	...Johnson	...	...	...Wagner
1927,	June	14	...	Old Umtali	...	...Johnson	...	...	...R. C. Gates
1928,	Sept.	10	...	Old Umtali	...	...Johnson	...	...	...Murphree
1929,	July	3	...	Old Umtali	...	...Johnson	...	...	...Murphree
1930,	July	9	...	Mutambara	...	...Johnson	...	...	...Murphree

RHODESIA ANNUAL CONFERENCE

1931,	July	8	...	Mrewa	...	...Johnson	...	...	...Murphree
1932,	Sept.	28	...	Old Umtali	...	...Johnson	...	...	Sells
1933,	June	14	...	Old Umtali	...	...Johnson	...	...	Sells
1934,	June	13	...	Old Umtali	...	...Johnson	...	...	Sells
1935,	July	9	...	Old Umtali	...	...Johnson	...	...	Sells
1936,	Dec.	9	...	Old Umtali	...	...Springer	...	...	Adkins
1937,	Oct.	6	...	Nyadiri	...	...Springer	...	...	Sells
1938,	Oct.	5	...	Old Umtali	...	...Springer	...	...	Sells
1939,	Nov.	8	...	Old Umtali	...	...Springer	...	...	Sells

THE METHODIST CHURCH

1939,	Nov.	10	..	Old Umtali	...	...Springer	...	...	Sells
1940,	July	24	...	Mrewa	...	...Springer	...	...	Sells

(d) General

Delegates to the General Conference
Methodist Episcopal Church

1932

Ministerial

T. A. O'Farrell; Reserve—H. I. James

Lay

Miss Ruth E. Hanson; Reserve—Miss Oril Penney

1936

Ministerial

H. I. James; Reserve—E. L. Sells

Lay

Miss. Sarah N. King; Reserve—Mrs. H. I. James

The Methodist Church

1940

Ministerial—

T. A. O'Farrell; Reserve—H. E. Taylor

Lay

Mrs. Josephine B. O'Farrell; Reserve—Mrs. Mae P. Taylor

Missionaries 1898—1940

List of Missionaries sent to the Rhodesia Work by the Board of Foreign Missions and the W. F. M. S. beginning with the opening of the work in 1898, with year of entering and leaving the work.

Rev. M. W. Ehnes	1898-1901	Mrs. Anna Arndt.....	1899-1902
Mrs. M. W. Ehnes.....	1898-1901	Mr. Herman Heinkle	1899-1903
Rev. J. L. DeWitt.....	1899-1901	Dr. Hammett.....	1899-1899
Mrs. J. L. De Witt.....	1899-1901	Miss Culver	1899-1899

Rev. E. H. Greeley	1900-1938	Miss E. A. Hess.....	1915-1932
Mr. G. M. Odulum	1901-1902	Miss F. Quinton	1917-
Rev. R. Wodehouse	1901-1910	Miss S. Rexrode	1918-1921
Mrs. R. Wodehouse.....	1901-1910	Miss L. Tubbs	{ 1918-1923
Rev. J. M. Springer	{ 1901-1906		{ 1929-
	{ 1921-1924	Rev. H. E. Taylor	1919-
{ Mrs. H. F. Rasmussen	{ 1901—	Mrs. H. E. Taylor	1919-
{ Mrs. J. M. Springer	{ 1905-1909	Miss O. Parmenter	1920-
	{ 1921-1904	Rev. M. J. Murphree	1920-
Miss H. E. Johnson	1901-1904	Mrs. M. J. Murphree	1920-
Rev. R. E. Beetham	1901-1904	Miss M. Fuller	1921-1931
Rev. Samuel Gurney.....	{ 1902-1905	Rev. A. DeJacoby	1921-1921
	{ 1909-1924	Mrs. A. DeJacoby	1921-1921
Mrs. S. Gurney	1902-1902	Rev. W. Bourgaize	1921-
Mr. D. A. Carson	1902-1903	Rev. L. E. Tull.....	1921-1927
Mrs. D. A. Carson.....	1902-1903	Mr. W. C. Gardner	1921-1925
Rev. J. H. Dimmit.....	1903-1903	Mrs. W. C. Gardner	1921-1924
Rev. G. A. Baldwin.....	1903-1904	Miss G. Beven	1922-1927
Rev. J. E. Ferris	1904-1909	Miss B. Rietz.....	1922-
Mrs. J. E. Ferris	1904-1909	Rev. R. C. Gates	1922-
Rev. S. D. Coffin	1905-1911	Mrs. R. C. Gates	1922-
{ Miss Swormstedt	{ 1905—	Miss A. Moore	1922-1927
{ Mrs. S. D. Coffin	{ 1907-1911	Rev. J. G. Brass	1922-1923
Mr. E. L. Sechrist	1906-1909	Mrs. J. G. Brass	1922-1923
Mrs. E. L. Sechrist	1906-1909	Rev. F. G. Mauger	1923-1930
Rev. J. R. Gates	{ 1906-1919	Mrs. F. G. Mauger	1923-1930
	{ 1916-1932	Miss Ethel McMann	1923-1931
{ Miss H. L. Lodge	{ 1907—	Miss Sarah King	1923-
{ Mrs. J. R. Gates.....	{ 1908-1914	Miss B. Ramsey	1924-1927
	{ 1916-1932	Rev. R. F. Wagner	{ 1924-1927
Miss E. M. Bell.....	1907-1911		{ 1929-1924
Miss S. Coffin	1907-1912	Miss J. G. Woodruff	1925-1930
Rev. G. A. Roberts	1907-	Miss Ila Scovill	1925-
Rev. A. L. Buchwalter.....	1909-1915	Dr. S. R. P. Montgomery	1925-1927
Mrs. A. L. Buchwalter	1909-1915	Mrs. S. R. P. Montgomery	1925-1927
Rev. H. N. Howard	1909-1920	Miss Oril Penney	1926-
Mrs. H. N. Howard.....	1909-1920	Miss Ruth E. Hansson	1926-
Miss E. D. Nourse	1909-1921	Miss Mildred O. Benson	1926-1937
Miss P. Mullikin	1909-1939	Rev. E. L. Sells	1929-
Rev. T. A. O'Farrell.....	1910-	Mrs. E. L. Sells	1929-
Mrs. T. A. O'Farrell	1910-	Mrs. R. F. Wagner	1929-1934
{ Miss B. Bowles	{ 1910—	Miss Jessie Pfaff	1929-
{ Mrs. G. A. Roberts	{ 1912-	Miss Wilhelmina Shields	1930-1937
{ Miss R. N. Goddard	{ 1912—	Miss Allice Whitney	1931-
{ Mrs. J. G. Paisley	{ 1915-1921	Miss Irene Gugin	1931-
Miss G. Clark	1912-	Rev. L. E. Adkins	1933-1937
Rev. C. A. Kent	1912-1915	Mrs. L. E. Adkins	1933-1937
Mrs. C. A. Kent	1912-1915	Miss Rosa Rydell	1937-
Rev. H. I. James	1913-	Miss Edith Parks	1938-
Mrs. H. I. James	1913-	Miss Marguerite Deyo	1939-
Miss E. E. Bjorklund	1915-1930	Mr. W. D. Hamrick	1939-
		Mrs. W. D. Hamrick	1939-
		Rev. Per Hassing	1940-

The following workers were employed on the field:

Rev. M. H. Reid, 1898; Mrs. R. St. Tulloch, 1902; Mr. M. B. Spears 1905; Mrs. H. Brown, 1903; Miss M. Brown, 1903; Miss Cuff, 1903; Mrs. T. Stratton, 1905; Miss E. Bennett, 1905; Rev. C. H. Beagley, 1906; Mr. W. H. Robson, 1906; Miss A. F. Gray, 1906; Rev. G. A. Stockdale, 1907. Mr. and Mrs. W. Garner, 1907; Miss Blezzard, 1907; Mr. and Mrs. C. S.

Till, 1910; Mrs. L. Carson, 1911; Mr. R. Mackenzie, 1912; Rev. and Mrs. R. B. Wallace, 1913; Mr. J. G. Paisley, 1912; Rev. William Garner, 1912; Mr. and Mrs. William Hodgson, 1917; Mr. and Mrs. S. C. Searle, 1918-1921. Mr. C. S. Till, 1920; B. J. E. Pretorius, 1924; Mr. G. Pretorius, 1925-1930; Miss J. McMorran 1928-1930; Mrs. Uys, 1930-1933; Miss Louise Forrest 1935-1936; Miss Jean Loze, 1936-1938; Miss Lois Pfaff 1936-1940; Mr. and Mrs. Carl Huie, 1936-1940; Miss Lois Jessop 1937-1940; Miss Fannie Ellener 1937-1940; Mrs. Irene Wratten 1938; Mr. and Mrs. P. F. De Brujn, 1939-39 Mr. and Mrs. G. P. Braithwaite 1939-1940; Miss Emily Loze 1940.

Part X

(a) MISCELLANEOUS

Plan of Conference Examinations

For Europeans as per 1939 Discipline Paragraph. 1711

Undergraduates may sit for examinations at the seat of the Finance Committee meetings as well as at the seat of the Conference.

Year	Study No.	Examiner
Admission on Trial	1,	M. J. Murphree
	2,	E. L. Sells
	3,	R. C. Gates
	4,	W. Bourgaize
	5,	H. I. James
	6,	M. J. Murphree
First Year	1,	E. L. Sells
	2,	W. Bourgaize
	3,	H. I. James
	4,	M. J. Murphree
	5,	R. C. Gates
	Reading 1, 4, 2, 5, 3, 6,	R. C. Gates
Second Year	1,	W. Bourgaize
	2,	H. I. James
	3,	M. J. Murphree
	4,	R. C. Gates
	Reading 1, 5, 2, 6, 3, 7, 4,	R. C. Gates
Third Year	1,	H. I. James
	2,	W. Bourgaize
	3,	E. L. Sells
	4,	R. C. Gates
	5, and 6	T. A. O'Farrell
	Reading 1, 4, 2, 5, 3, 6,	R. C. Gates
Fourth Year	1,	W. Bourgaize
	2,	E. L. Sells
	3,	R. C. Gates
	4,	H. I. James
	Reading 1, 4, 2, 5, 3, 6, 7,	R. C. Gates

Courses of Study for the Rhodesia Annual Conference

TRAVELLING MINISTRY

FOR ADMISSION ON TRIAL

EXAMINATION.

Examiner

1. Discipline : Articles of Religion.
2. South African History.
3. Life of Wesley - *Telford or Winchester*.
4. The Moffats - *Hubbard*.
5. Bible Biographies :
 - a. Life of Christ - St. Mark.
 - b. Life of Paul - Acts
 - c. Life of Moses - Exodus.
6. Written Sermon.

E. L. Sells
 J. Chimbadzwa
 M. J. Murphree
 C. Faku

T. A. O'Farrell

R. C. Gates

FIRST YEAR.

EXAMINATION.

1. Discipline. Parts I to VI.
2. History of Methodism - *Faulkner*.
3. Plain Account of Christian Perfection - *Wesley*.
4. Translation to Vernacular, Articles of Religion.

E. L. Sells
 W. Bourgaize
 C. Faku
 J. Chimbadzwa

COLLATERAL READING :

1. Pilgrim's Progress - *Bunyan*.
2. David Livingstone - *J. J. Ellis*
3. The Making of the Bible - *Vernon*.

R. C. Gates

SECOND YEAR.

EXAMINATION

1. Primer of Homiletics - *Edwards*.
2. A People's Life of Christ - *Smyth*.
3. Primer of Christian Doctrine - *Terry*.
4. Outline: Genesis, Exodus, Acts, and Romans.

E. L. Sells
 W. Bourgaize
 C. Faku
 T. A. O'Farrell

COLLATERAL READING :

1. The Tongue of Fire - *Arthur*
2. Life of Khama.
3. Selections from the Writings of John Wesley - *Welch*.

R. C. Gates

THIRD YEAR

EXAMINATION.

Examiner

1. History of the Christian Church - *Grant*.
2. Shorter Manual of Theology - *Beet*.
3. The Moslem World - *Zwemer*.
4. Life and Times of Jesus - *Grant*.

J. Chimbadzwa
 W. Bourgaize
 C. Faku
 T. A. O'Farrell

COLLATERAL READING:

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| 1. The Soul-Winner's Secret - <i>Brengle.</i> | } | R. C. Gates |
| 2. Christian Baptism - <i>Merrill.</i> | | |
| 3. Heart of Asbury's Journal - <i>Tipple.</i> | | |

FOURTH YEAR

EXAMINATION.

EXAMINER

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| 1. New Testament History - <i>Maclean.</i> | E. L. Sells |
| 2. Lives of Eminent Africans - <i>Gollock.</i> | W. Bourgaize |
| 3. Faith of a Christian - <i>Sketchley.</i> | M. J. Murphree |
| 4. The Worker and His Bible - <i>Eiselen and Barclay.</i> | T. A. O'Farrell |

COLLATERAL READING

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| 1. a. Preacher and Prayer - <i>Bounds.</i> | } | R. C. Gates |
| b. Purity of Heart - <i>General Booth.</i> | | |
| 2. The Indwelling Spirit - <i>Davidson.</i> | | |
| 3. a. Roman Catholic Doctrine Examined.— <i>Brooks</i> | | |
| b. "Should Christians Keep the Sabbath." <i>Torrey.</i> | | |

Substitutes

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|---|---|--|--|
| 1. The Bible - <i>Dods</i> | 2. Digest of Methodist Law - <i>Merrill</i> | 3. Life of Paul - <i>Stalker</i> ; 4. Bible History - <i>Blaikie</i> : 5. The Preacher; His Life and Work - <i>Jowett</i> : 6. Manual of Christian Doctrine - <i>Banks</i> | 7. The Land of Israel - <i>Stewart</i> ; 8. 100. Questions on Methodism <i>Wheeler</i> |
| 9. How to Study the Bible - <i>Clifford Moule</i> : 10. The Christian Faith - <i>Curtis</i> : 11. Short History of the Christian Church - <i>Hurst</i> ; 12. Twenty-five Articles - <i>Wheeler</i> 13. Public Worship - <i>Hoyt</i> ; 14. Life of Luther - <i>McGiffert</i> : 15. Christianity in Doctrine and Experience - <i>Buck</i> : 16. Religious Education in the Home - <i>Folson</i> ; 17. Short Chapters of African History - <i>Weatherhead</i> 18. Islam and Africa - <i>Dale</i> . | (50 Books in all) | | |
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Local Preacher's Course

FIRST YEAR

1. To be able to write :
 - a. His name
 - b. His Circuit and Church
 - c. The name of his Minister
 - d. The name of the Superintendent
 - e. Date, month and year
2. To read a chapter of New Testament fluently in five minutes or less
3. Commit to memory the Beatitudes
4. Study one of the Gospels
5. Study the Parables and Miracles of Jesus
6. Learn the story of Abraham, Joseph and Moses
7. Attend a lecture given on the Life of John Wesley

(b) CONFERENCE RULES OF ORDER

None

(c) ACCEPTED SUPPLY PASTORS**Mrewa District**

William Chieza	Elia Kuture
Elia Chidzikwe	Lazarus Mahowa
Moses Chisamba	Daniel Makuto
Henry Chitiyo	Joseph Makuto
Silas Chitiyo	William Mudede
Kenneth Choto	James Mujeni
Peter Kananuhwa	Obadiah Musingwini
Eddy Kambarami	Isaiah Tsopotsa
Isaac Kambarami	Sam Halawa
Roderick Kunyarimwe	Shadrach Nyemba
Matthias Kurisa	

Mtoko District

Sydney Chidzwondo	Michael Karonga
Enoch Chingwena	Timothy Mahachi
Isaiah Chingwena	Peter Mufunde
Julias Gezi	Paul Marinda
Samuel Kapito	Amos Muswairo
Shadrach Karimanzira	Elisha Mvududu

Mutambara District

Jotham Chatema	Noel Mudaba
Edwin Karimbidza	Aaron Muponda
Thomas Kamusono	Baker Muzuru
Martin Chiza	Albert Mandondo
Mack Nezandoni	Gladman Munyamana
Enoch Chiwadzwa	Tennyson Maraire
Aaron Kuture	

Nyadiri District

Alexander Banda	Fred Masimba
Noah Chimbadzwa	Wilson Mmanga
Timothy Chirimunimba	Noah Muswe

Douglas Chipwaya	Conrad Manyande
James Dzapasi	Josiah Mrewa
Titus Katiyo	Aaron Mukombachoto
Meshak Katshamakwara	Peter Muswetu
Edward Nakoni	Isaiah Nynungo
Enoch Majuru	Fred Pande
Enoch Makuto	James Sitole
Frank Muhilauko	Job Tsiga
Isaac Musamba	

Old Umtali District

Ashford Bepete	Leonard Kasambira
Timothy Chieza	Paul Malianga
Joshua Chirikuutsi	Kenneth Marange
Benjamin Gwaza	Samuel Manjoro
Vincent Hamadziripi	Samuel Matonga
Elias Jangano	Peter Marwa
Moses Chithakatira	Philemon Mazaiwana
Josiah Chidzikwe	Isaiah Musamba
Solomon Kanyenzi	Janje Rusero
Amos Karumbidza	Aaron Sitole
Anderson Kachisi	Philip Sitole
Amos Karumbidza	

Umtali District

Daniel Chitenderu	Joshua Mutsago
Shadrach Chitereka	Abisha Ndizano
Job Gondora	Kenneth Nhunduru
Isaia Kuwana	Martin Nyagura
Gibson Makaure	Joseph Nyamurowa
Hezekiah Muranda	Morrison Parwehoski
Justin Marwira	Johnson Sachiti
Paul Mavisa	Jonathan Tinowona
Maxin Mutambanengwe	Lionel Zimunya

(d) THE ROLL OF LAY DELEGATES (Attending the Session)

J' Madanhire	Chiduku Circuit
Kenneth Marange	Gandanazara Circuit
Elias Chidzikwe	Headlands Circuit
Silas Chitiyo	Mangwendi Circuit
Lewis Tsododo	Mutambara
Simeon Machiri	Marange Circuit
Newton Machingaidze	Mtasa Circuit

Kenneth Choto	Mrewa
Joseph Makuto	Mrewa Circuit
Esaw Muringapi	Mukahanana Circuit
J. Marange	Nyadiri
J. Murahwa	Nyadiri Circuit
F. Chidzikwe	Old Umtali Circuit
Escrivao Zunguze	Old Umtali
Miss Ona Parmenter	Umtali

(e) CONFERENCE AND MISSIONARY ROLL
Rhodesia Conference Roll

(Add to each address, S. Rhodesia, Africa.)

Year of Reception			
On Trial.			
1907	H. I. James	*	Mrewa
1920	T. A. O'Farrell	*	(On furlough)
1917	M. J. Murphree	*	Old Umtali
1921	G. A. Roberts	*	Mutambara
	W. Bourgaize	*	Mtoko
	H. E. Taylor	*	P. B. 136 E. Salisbury
	E. L. Sells	*	Box 55, Umtali ^j
	David Mandisodza		Mrewa
1923	R. C. Gates	*	Old Umtali
	Thomas Marange		Mt. Makomwe, Odzi
	Isaiah Munjoma		Mutambara
1924	Isaiah Darikwa		Box 333, Salisbury
	C. E. Faku		Old Umtali
	Benjamin Katsidzira		Box 55, Umtali
	Titus Marange		Box 55, Umtali
1925	L. E. Adkins		Missionary in East Africa
	Reginald Ngonyama		Old Umtali
1926	Josiah Chimbadzwa		Old Umtali
	Zechariah Mukombiwa		Old Umtali
1927	Philip Chieza		Penhalonga
	Samuel Chieza		Mtoko
1928	Amos Kapenzi		Old Umtali
	Moses Mparutsa		Inyazura
	John Nduna		Old Umtali
1930	Hosea Katsidzira		Mrewa
	Patrick Machiri		Old Umtali
	Johnson Maramba		Inyazura

	Enoch Munjoma	Mtoko
	Jackson Rugayo	Mutambara
1932	Obadiah Chimonyo	Inyazura
	Silas Kasambira	Old Umtali
1933	Jonah Chitombo	P. B. 136 E. Salisbury
	Jonah Machiri	Old Umtali
1934	Luke Chieza	Mrewa
1938	P. B. Christian	* P. O. Box 55, Umtali

Note-Asterisk after names of missionaries

Missionaries

(Add to each address, S. Rhodesia, Africa.)

Miss Pearl Mullikin	(On furlough)
Mrs. T. A. O'Farrell	(On furlough)
Mrs. G. A. Roberts	Mutambara
Mrs. H. I. James	Mrewa
Mrs. H. E. Taylor	P. B. 136 E. Salisbury
Mrs. M. J. Murphree	Old Umtali
Mrs. R. C. Gates	Old Umtali
Miss Ruth Hansson	Old Umtali
Mrs. E. L. Sells	Box 55. Umtali
Miss Rosa Rydell	Mutambara
Mr. W. D. Hamrick	Old Umtali
Mrs. W. D. Hamrick	Old Umtali

Woman's Division of Christian Service

Miss Grace Clark	Mutambara
Miss Frances Quinton	Old Umtali
Miss Lulu Tubbs	(On furlough)
Miss Ona Parmenter	Native Girls' Hostel, Umtali
Miss Beulah Reitz	P. B. 136 E. Salisbury
Miss Sarah King	P. B. 136 E. Salisbury
Miss Ila Scovill	Mutambara
Miss Oril Penney	(On furlough)
Miss Jessie Pfaff	Old Umtali
Miss Alice Whitney	P. B. 136 E. Salisbury
Miss Irene P. Gugin	Old Umtali
Miss Edith Parks	P. B. 136 E. Salisbury
Miss Margurite Deyo	Mutambara

Other Workers

Mr. G. P. Braithwaite	Old Umtali
Mrs. G. P. Braithwaite	Old Umtali
Miss Lois Pfaff	Old Umtali
Mr. Carl Huie	Old Umtali
Mrs. Carl Huie	Old Umtali
Miss Fannie Ellener	Mrewa
Miss Lois Jessop	Umtali
Miss Emily Loze	Old Umtali

Part XI**PASTORAL RECORD**

This record includes only the appointments during membership in the Conferences, and not those as "supply."

In the case of missionaries, appointments before Conference membership on the field are included.

The figures () are the years of service spent in the Ministry of the Methodist Episcopal Conference and The Methodist Conference.

The addresses are given in the Conference Roll and Directory.

1. FULL MEMBERS

Atkins, Lilburn E:—On trial Minnesota Conference 1925. Deacon 1925; Elder 1927; West Concord 1925-27; 1928-29 In School; Transferred to Southeast Africa Mission Conference 1930; 1930-33 Kambini Central Training School; Transferred to Rhodesia Conference 1933; 1933-36 Marange, Odzi-Old Umtali and Mtasa Circuits. 1934-36 Gandanzara Circuit. 1937 On furlough; 1938 40 Missionary in East Africa. Minn. (5) So. E. A. (3) (5)

Bourgaize, Wilfred:—On trial Rhodesia Mission Conference 1921 (Deacon and Elder); 1921 Umtasa, Gandanzara and Headlands Circuits; 1922-25. Mtoko and Uzumba Circuits, 1925-26 Mtoko Circuit; 1927-28 Superintendent Mtoko District; 1929 On furlough; 1930-38 Superintendent, Mtoko District, 1939 on furlough; 1940 Superintendent, Mtoko District. (20)

Chieza, Luke:—On trial Rhodesia Conference 1934; Deacon 1936; Elder 1938; 1936-40 Evangelist Mrewa District. (7)

Chieza, Philip:—On trial Rhodesia Mission Conference 1927; Deacon 1932; Elder 1936; 1927-29 Muziti; 1930-31 Chiduku circuit; 1932 Odzi Circuit 1933-35 Odzi-Old Umtali Circuit. 1936-38 Odzi Circuit; 1939-40 Penhalonga (14)

Chieza, Samuel:—On trial Rhodesia Mission Conference 1927; Deacon 1930; Elder 1933; 1927-31 Mrewa; 1931-40 Mtoko. (14)

Chimbadzwa, Josiah:—On trial Rhodesia Mission Conference 1926; Deacon 1929; Elder 1930; 1926-30 Assistant, Theological School, Old Umtali; 1931-33 Assistant Pastor Old Umtali and teacher in Hartzell Training School; 1934-35 Assistant Pastor, Old Umtali. 1936-40 Pastor, Old Umtali. (15)

Chimonyo, Obadiah:—On trial Rhodesia Conference 1932; Deacon 1935; Elder 1936; 1932-34 in school; 1935—1938 Old Umtali Circuit; 1939-40 Chiduku Circuit South. (9)

Christian, Phillip B.—On trial Rhodesia Conference 1938; Deacon and Elder 1938; 1938-40 St. Thomas Church, Umtali; Missionary to the Indians. (2)

Chitombo, Jonah:—On Trial Rhodesia Conference 1933; Deacon 1935 1933-35 In School; 1935—40 Nyadiri Circuit. (9)

Darikwa, Isaiah:—On trial Rhodesia Mission Conference 1924; Deacon 1926; Elder 1930; 1924 Rupinda; 1925-32 Mtasa Circuit; 1932-36 Mrewa Circuit; 1937-1940 Salisbury. (17)

Faku, Clifford:—On trial Rhodesia Mission Conference 1924; Deacon 1926; Elder 1929; 1925 Old Umtali Circuit; 1925 Penhalonga; 1926-23 Assistant, Literary Department Old Umtali; 1929-31 Mtoko; 1931-33 Mrewa; 1934-40 Assistant, Literary Dept. Hartzell Training School. (17)

Gates, Robert C.:—On trial Rhodesia Mission Conference 1923; Deacon 1923; Elder 1927; 1923-27 Literary and Normal Department, Hartzell Training School; 1923 Old Umtali Circuit; 1924 Old Umtali Church; 1925 Old Umtali Church and Circuit; 1926 Mission Correspondent; 1927 Superintendent, Old Umtali District; 1928 On furlough; 1929-31 Superintendent, Old Umtali District and Principal Hartzell Training School; 1932 Superintendent Nyadiri District; 1933-35 Superintendent, Mrewa District; 1936 Superintendent, Umtali-Rusapi District, St. Andrews; 1937 On furlough; 1938-40 Hartzell Training School, Teacher Training Dept. (18)

James, Henry I.:—On trial West Wisconsin Conference 1907; Deacon 1910; Elder 1913; 1907 Birchwood; Transferred Wisconsin Conference 1908; 1908-09 Algoma; 1910-12 Oconto; Transferred, East Central Africa Mission Conference 1913; 1913-14 St. Paul's, Penhalonga; 1915 Principal Hartzell Training School; 1916-1919 Mission Treasurer; 1916 Bible Department and Mission Press; 1917-18 Principal Central Training School, Old Umtali Circuit; 1919 On furlough; 1920-22 Superintendent, Umtali District and St. Andrew's Church; 1920-24 Mission Treasurer and Correspondent; 1923-24 Superintendent Mrewa District; 1925-26 On furlough; 1927-28 Superintendent Mrewa District; 1929-31 Superintendent Umtali District and St. Andrew's Church; 1932-34 Superintendent Old Umtali District Principal Theological School, Pastor Old Umtali and Mission Press 1930-1934 Mission Treasurer and Correspondent; 1935 On furlough; 1936-40 Superintendent, Mrewa District W. Wis. 1) Wis. 5) (29)

Kapenzi, Amos:—On trial Rhodesia Mission Conference 1928; Deacon 1930, Elder 1932; 1928-40 Assistant, Hartzell Training School (Literary Department.) (13)

Kasambara, Sillas:—On trial Rhodesia Conference, 1932; Deacon 1934; Elder 1936; 1932-33 In school; 1934 Penhalonga; 1935-40 Gandanzara Circuit (9)

Katsindzira, Benjamin:—On trial Rhodesia Mission Conference 1924; Deacon 1926; Elder 1930; 1924-25 Nyamukwarara; 1926 Gandanzara; 1927-31 Gandanzara Circuit; 1932-34 Mtasa Circuit; 1935-38 Marange Circuit; 1939-40 Zimunya Circuit. (17)

Katsdzira, Hosea:—On trial Rhodesia Mission Conference 1930; Deacon 1932; Elder 1934; 1930-31 in school; 1932-35 Mangwendi Circuit; 1935-36 Mangwendi and Headlands Circuits: 1937-1938 Headlands Circuit; 1939-40 Mrewa Circuit. (11)

Machiri, Jonah:—On trial Rhodesia Conference 1933; Deacon 1935, 1933-1935 In school; 1935-37 Evangelist, Old Umtali District; 1938-39 Mukahanana Circuit; 1940 Nyadiri. (8)

Macnairi, Patrick:—On trial Rhodesia Mission Conference 1930; Deacon 1932; Elder 1934; 1930-31 in school; 1932-33 Chiduku Circuit; 1934 Marange Circuit; 1935-40 Mtasa Circuit. (11)

Mandisore, David:—On trial Rhodesia Mission Conference 1921; Deacon 1921; Elder 1929; 1921 Salisbury; 1922-29 Headlands Circuit; 1930-33 Umtali; 1934 Leave of absence; 1935 Supernumerary; 1936 Located; 1937-40 Mangwendi Circuit. (13)

Marumba, Johnson:—On trial Rhodesia Mission Conference 1930; Deacon 1932; Elder 1936; 1930 Assistant, Hartzell Training School; 1931-33 Mukahanana Circuit; 1934 In school; 1935-36 Penhalonga; 1936-38 Penhalonga Circuit; 1939-40 Chiduku Circuit South. (11)

Marange, Thomas:—On trial Rhodesia Mission Conference 1923; Deacon 1926; Elder 1928; 1923 Umtali 1924-25 Mutambara Circuit; 1926-38 Zimunya Circuit; 1939-40 Marange District. (18)

Marange, Titus:—On trial Rhodesia Mission Conference 1924; Deacon 1926; Elder 1930; 1924-28 Salisbury; 1929-31 in school; 1932-33 Gandanzira Circuit; 1934-40 Umtali. (17)

Mparas, Moses:—On trial Rhodesia Mission Conference 1928; Deacon 1930; Elder 1933; 1928-29 Umtali; 1930-39 Nyadiri; 1940 Rukweza. (13)

Makombiwa, Zachariah:—On trial Rhodesia Mission Conference 1926; Deacon 1929; Elder 1932; 1926 Assistant Agriculture Dept. Old Umtali; 1927-28 Pashlonga; 1929-33 Headlands Circuit; 1934-38 Chiduku Circuit, 1939-40 Id Umtali Circuit. (15)

Munjoma, Enoch:—On trial Rhodesia Mission Conference 1930; Deacon 1932; Elder 1934; 1930-31 in school; 1932-40 Mtoko. (11)

Munjoma, Isaiah:—On trial Rhodesia Mission Conference 1923; Deacon 1928; Elder 1930; 1923 Mtasa Circuit; 1924 Nyakatsapa; 1925 Umtali Native Church 1926-28 Old Umtali Circuit; 1929-36 Salisbury; 1937-1938 Mrewa; 1939. Leave of Absence; 1940 Headlands Circuit (17)

Murphree, Marshall J.:—On trial Nebraska Conference 1917; Deacon 1919. Elder 1920; Transferred Rhodesia Mission Conference 1921; 1921-23 Principal Hartzell Training School, Superintendent Old Umtali District; 1924 Superintendent Mutambara District; 1925 on furlough; 1926-31 Theological Department, Old Umtali; 1926 Gandanzara Circuit; 1927 Superintendent Rusapi District; 1928 Superintendent Old Umtali-Rusapi Districts, Rhodesia Mission Press; 1929 Rhodesia Mission Press; 1930-31 Superintendent Rusapi District, Mission Press; 1932 Superintendent Umtali-Rusapi District, St. Andrew's Church; 1933-34 On furlough; 1935-38 Superintendent, Old Umtali District, Principal Hartzell Training School, Mission Press; 1939-40 Superintendent, Old Umtali District and Mission. Neb. (4) (20)

Nduna, John:—On trial Rhodesia Mission Conference 1928; Deacon 1930, Elder 1932; Assistant, Hartzell Training School (Literary Department,) Old Umtali Circuit 1928-31; 1932-38 Teacher in Hartzell Training School Old Umtali; 1939, Superintendent of Schools Old Umtali District; 1940 Leave of Absence. (13)

Ngonyama, Reginald:—On trial Rhodesia Mission Conference 1925; Deacon 1927, Elder 1929; 1925-26 Assistant, Mutambara Mission; 1927-28; Mutambara Circuit and Mutambara Mission; 1929-33 Marange Circuit 1934-40 Assistant, Hartzell Training School. (16)

O'Farrell, Thomas A.:—On trial East Central Africa Mission Conference 1910; Deacon and Elder 1910; 1910 to June, 1915 Mutambara Mission and Circuit; 1915-18 On furlough; Jan. to April, 1919 Principal Central Training School, Old Umtali; 1919-20 Mrewa Mission and Circuit; 1921-23, Superintendent, Mrewa District; 1924 On furlough; 1925-26 Superintendent, Mrewa District; 1927-31 Superintendent, Nyadiri District; 1932 On furlough; 1933-39 Superintendent, Nyadiri District; 1940 On Furlough. (31)

Roberts, George A.:—On trial Rhodesia Mission Conference 1921; Deacon and Elder 1921; 1907-1908 Old Umtali, Assistant Agriculture Department; 1909-10 Old Umtali Industries. 1911 Old Umtali Agriculture and Sunday School Missionary; 1912-13 Old Umtali Agriculture Department; 1914 On furlough; 1915-18 Old Umtali Agriculture and Animal Husbandry; 1919-20 Mutambara Circuit; 1921 On furlough; 1922-23 Old Umtali Department of Agriculture and Gandanzara Circuit; 1924 Principal Hartzell Training School and Gandanzara Circuit; 1925-28 Principal Hartzell Training School and Department of Agriculture; 1929-30 On furlough 1931-37 Superintendent, Mutambara District; 1938 On furlough; 1939-40 Superintendent, Mutambara District. (20)

Rugayo, Jackson:—On trial Rhodesia Mission Conference 1930; Deacon 1932; Elder 1934; 1930-31 in school; 1932-40 Mutambara Circuit. (11)

Sells, Ernest L.:—On trial Kentucky Conference 1921; Deacon 1925, Elder 1927; 1921-22 in school; Transferred to Kansas Conference 1923; 1923-24 Winchester; 1925-27 in school; 1927-28 Elgin; Transferred to Rhodesia Mission Conference 1929; 1929-32 Superintendent, Mrewa District; 1933-35 Superintendent, Umtali - Rusapi District, St. Andrews Church; 1936 On furlough; 1937-1938 Superintendent, Umtali District, St. Andrew's Church; 1938 Superintendent, Mutambara District; 1939-40 Superintendent, Umtali District, St. Andrew's Church.
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Taylor, H. Erne:—On trial Rhodesia Mission Conference 1921; Deacon and Elder 1921; 1921 Old Umtali Church and Department of Agriculture; 1922-23 Mutambara, Department of Agriculture and Boys School; 1924 On furlough; 1925-28 Mutambara Mission; 1929-30 Old Umtali, Agriculture and Industrial Departments; 1931-32 On furlough; 1933-34 Principal, Hartzell Training School; 1935-38 Old Umtali, Department of Agriculture; 1937-1938 Mission Treasurer and Correspondent; 1939 On furlough; 1940 Superintendent, Nyadiri District. (20)

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